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ALBION, INDIANA

2008

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THE NEWS SUN
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April 1, 2008, Tuesday

Avilla man froze to death

Disciplinary actions against officers to be considered

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AUBURN — An Avilla man whose body was discovered Feb. 19 in a rural DeKalb County field died of hypothermia due to exposure, according to DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner.

Squire

The autopsy findings were included in an independent investigative report that determined a failure of duty by three police officers and a breakdown in communications caused a delay in finding Duane Squire and his autistic grandson, Erich Squire, who had been reported missing by their family.

Both the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and Garrett Police Department will conduct a review of the investigative report to determine if disciplinary action is warranted.

Eyewitnesses saw Squire's car go off the road, called 911 and reported that a car was driven into a field south of C.R. 48 on the afternoon of Feb. 18 for unexplained reasons. Officers from the DeKalb County Sheriff's and Garrett Police departments responded, but they did not go into the field to investigate. Instead, they left the scene, mistakenly believing the driver had entered the field intentionally.

Squire, 66, of rural Avilla and his grandson had been traveling to Auburn to pay a bill. When they didn't arrive for their 4 p.m. appointment on Feb. 18, their disappearance was reported to police.

Duane Squire was found dead just after 1 p.m. Feb. 19 beside his car in a field east of Garrett nearly 22 hours after passers-by saw Squire's car recklessly drive into a field between Garrett and Auburn.

Erich Squire, 14, was found alive inside the car. He was treated for exposure to harsh weather at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. The temperature dipped into the single digits on the night of Feb. 18, with strong winds and some snow. According to his attorney, Erich Squire was hospitalized for a week and treated for hypothermia, frostbite and dehydration.

"If they wouldn't have found him — within that day (Feb. 19) — the grandson would've been gone, with the weather conditions and elements being the way they were," Warner said.

Warner said Duane Squire had a history of epileptic seizures, which might have been a factor in causing him to drive off the road. According to the missing persons report, neither Squire nor his grandson had medications with them.

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Disappearance first reported to Noble County Sheriff's Department

Duane Squire was able to get out of his car after the crash, Warner said. He left muddy footprints and tracks around, on and in his car. According to a sheriff's deputy who found Squire's body Feb. 19, footprints extended nearly 100 feet from the car.

According to the investigative report, Squire had "an elevated vitreous glucose level which would suggest he may have been hyperglycemic."

A toxicology report also showed the presence of an anticonvulsant drug within therapeutic range. Dr. Robert W. Gutekunst of the Northeast Indiana Forensic Center did not exclude the possibility that Duane Squire had suffered a seizure.

The investigative report was conducted by Lt. Ron Rayl and Lt. Troy Hershberger of the Allen County Sheriff's Department. The independent investigation was initiated by the DeKalb County Commissioners at the request of DeKalb Sheriff John Dennis.

"Daniel Roby and Tom Manges represent the family of Duane Squire and on their behalf wish to thank the Allen County Sheriff's Department for their candor in conducting a thorough investigation and the report filed," said an e-mail sent Monday afternoon from their Fort Wayne office.

Departments to change procedures, consider disciplinary action

The report concludes that there was a "breakdown in communication between dispatch, road units and police agencies" and "there was a failure of duty to locate or verify the vehicle was in the field, by all three responding officers."

Noble County Sheriff's Department Detective Sgt. Shawn Dunafin was able to locate Duane Squire and his grandson in rural DeKalb County by using cell phone technology.

Both the DeKalb County Sheriff's and Garrett Police departments will make changes to their procedures, officers said Monday. The departments also will have executive sessions to discuss the investigative report to determine if disciplinary action should be taken against the officers involved.

"The family believes that strong disciplinary measures should be taken as to the officers whose negligence caused the death of Duane Squire and the serious injuries to his grandson, Erich," the family's attorney, Dan Roby, wrote in an e-mail.

The sheriff's department will have a merit board and deputies executive session Thursday. Sheriff Dennis said Short and Friedel remain employed by the county.

Garrett Police Chief Rex Harpel also plans to have an executive session, but has not decided a date. Smith has been a patrolman at Garrett for two years. He had one disciplinary action against him for a comment he made that Harpel felt was inappropriate.

Both Short and Friedel started as jailers at the sheriff's department. Short was hired as a jailer, then went to work in Waterloo and was hired as a merit deputy Jan. 13, 2006. Friedel started with the sheriff's department March 15, 1998, and was promoted to merit deputy Aug. 18, 2003.

"They're good deputies," Dennis said.

Harpel said he still is reviewing the report. "It's clear there was a communications breakdown ... I've got to finish looking over the report and see what (Smith's) actions were and I'll make determinations."

"In my opinion, it could have been handled much better, but to actually say they failed in their duties, I wouldn't say that," Dennis said.

Both Dennis and Harpel said more training will be necessary.

Harpel said he is implementing reporting changes, and said "draft reports" no longer will be allowed. Also, he will not release any reports that are unfinished without subpoenas. Once reports are made, he said, they will be kept under lock and key.

"It could've been problematic. It didn't change anything in the report, though," Harpel said.

Although the departments will be improving their procedures, Dennis and Harpel both feel this was a sad way for change to have to come about.

"We're all very sorry that it happened. My heart goes out to the Squire family," Dennis said. "I think that with some additional training and written procedures that this type of thing should never happen again. At least, that's what I'm striving for."

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Missing persons report gives vehicle description

A family member called the Noble County Sheriff's Department just after 9 p.m. Feb. 18 to report the disappearance of Duane Squire and his grandson.

The Noble County Sheriff's Department released the missing persons report to the Indiana State Police Feb. 18 between 9:32 p.m. and 9:35 p.m., noting the physical descriptions of the two subjects as well as the vehicle they were driving, a blue 1989 Oldsmobile Regency 98.

State police dispatched the information to northeast Indiana police and sheriff's departments. According to the communications department at the Indiana State Police post in Fort Wayne, the report was sent to the Auburn Police and DeKalb County Sheriff's departments. It was not sent to the Garrett Police Department, since the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department is responsible for message transmissions.

No one, however, made the connection between the description of the car in the missing persons report and the description of the car in the eyewitness accounts.

According to the investigative report, merit Deputies Rick Short and Adam Friedel and Garrett Police Patrolman Sam Smith responded to the scene on Feb. 18 just before 3 p.m.

Short was advised "the vehicle in question was a blue, four-door, either an Oldsmobile or a Pontiac," which was based on an eyewitness account.

Smith, while driving at the scene, was waved over by Shawn Koble, the driver of a passing F350 Ford truck, who told Smith that the vehicle was in the field. According to the report, Smith stood on the truck's running boards and saw the top of a blue vehicle, and could not determine if it was a car or a truck, even though he originally reported it as a truck.

Deputies abandoned their search after speaking with Smith, who said that the person who drove the car off the road had permission to gather wood in that location. According to the report, Smith said the vehicle — even though the report said the officers did not know its exact model — had been stopped during a previous call and had permission to be in the field.

"Officer Friedel stated that while thinking of all the possible scenarios regarding the vehicle, he did not feel right about clearing the scene, but ignored his gut feeling and left the area," the report said. "Officer Friedel stated that had it not been for the information from the Garrett officer and had the Ford pickup driver told him that the vehicle was in the field, he would have gone into the field and checked for himself."

Body found 136 yards from wood line

Police found Squire's body just after 1 p.m. Feb. 19 by tracing a signal from his cell phone. The phone was not on or near his body when police arrived at the scene, Warner said.

After receiving the missing persons report when he arrived at work on the morning of Feb. 19, Noble County Detective Sgt. Shawn Dunafin called Verizon, Squire's cell phone carrier, to see if Squire's cell phone could be located.

Early that afternoon, Verizon informed Dunafin that a cell phone tower had received a signal from Squire's cell phone at 8:58 p.m.

At 12:40 p.m. Feb. 19, Dunafin called the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department with the tip and at 1:03 p.m. Squire and his grandson were found in the field.

According to the investigative report, "tire marks were found in the ditch and field that were easily viewable for approximately 75 to 100 feet before they turned south and ran parallel to the corn rows."

The field has a raised ridge that hides most of the field from all but a small portion of C.R. 48, the report says.

"We had to walk several hundred feet into the cornfield from C.R. 19 before the area where the vehicle was located was visible," they noted.

The location of Squire's vehicle, the report states, was 136 yards — more than the length of a football field — from the wood line.

The measurement becomes very important when one is to consider that if the vehicle had permission to be in the field to cut wood it is highly unlikely that anyone would want to cut wood at one location, then carry each piece 136 yards to a passenger car, the report says.

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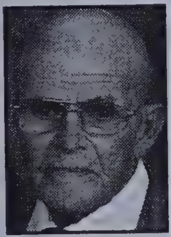
Waldo Nelson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Waldo Nelson, 90, of Wolcottville died Monday, March 31, 2008, at Kendallville Manor in Kendallville.


Mr. Nelson

Mr. Nelson was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He was a retired farmer and a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in Wolcottville.

He was born Aug. 26, 1917, in LaGrange County to Leo and Ruth (Mann) Nelson. He married Arlene R. Greeno on Oct. 5, 1940, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on Dec. 29, 2007.

Surviving are a daughter, Beverly Jones of Kendallville; two grandsons and their wives, David and Desiree Zimmerman and Dean and Linda Zimmerman, all of Fort Wayne; two great-grandsons, Grant and Derek Zimmerman, both of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Jean Nelson of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dennis W. Nelson on May 3, 1962; a sister, Deloris Haley; and three brothers, Everett, Paul and Charles Nelson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

June Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — June Elaine Campbell, 57, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at her apartment in Kendallville.

Mrs. Campbell was employed with Riverside Manufacturing in Kendallville.

She enjoyed cats, eating out, taking drives around the countryside and watching butterflies and deer.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 18, 1950, to Charles Franklin and Norma Lynn (Howard) Fulford.

Surviving are a daughter, Billie Sue Campbell of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Ray and Lisa Campbell and Steven Niles, all of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Frank Campbell of Fort Wayne, Renee Alleshouse and Cory Campbell, both of Kendallville, Jessica Ferguson of Cromwell, Michael Campbell Jr. and Michele Campbell, both of Avilla, and Chelsea Ream of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Aiden Scott Buss and Hailey Dawn Young; and two sisters, Lynn Howard of Dallas, Texas, and Charlotte Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Kenny Fulford.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send online condolences to hitefuneralhome.com.

Jon Nei

ALBION — Jon M. Nei, 41, of Albion died early Saturday morning, March 29, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he was transported after collapsing in LaOtto.

Mr. Nei

Mr. Nei had been employed at Asphalt Drum Mixers since July 1990. He was formerly employed at White Automotive and Holmes Lumber Co.

His formative years were spent in Columbia City. He graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1984.

He was born Aug. 27, 1966, in Columbia City to James Phillip and Peggy A. (Raypole) Nei. He married Deanna Beard on June 1, 1996. She survives

Also surviving are a son and daughter, Ethan and Bianca, both at home; a brother, James M. Nei of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Cheryl Houlihan of Huntertown.

His parents preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Calling will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Send online condolences to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Wendell Hughes

HAMILTON — Wendell D. Hughes, 80, of Hamilton died Monday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

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Ruth Zimmerman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Ruth V. Zimmerman, 93, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 1:33 a.m. Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman was employed as a cook with the Edgerton Local Schools, retiring June 1, 1970, with 22 years of service. She also was employed by Dolly's Restaurant for 13 years, Bob's Dairy Bar for 17 years and Parkview Nursing Center for three years. She was a member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and the Pythian Sisters. She attended Soul's Harbor Church in Montpelier, Ohio, and the Victory Barn Church in Edgerton.

She was born Oct. 17, 1914, near Edgerton to Peter J. and Nancy Malinda (Moran) Theisen.

Survivors include a son, Jerry R. Zimmerman, of Edgerton; a grandson and his spouse, Paul J. and Janet Zimmerman of Butler; two great-granddaughters, Kristen Marie and Katie Lynn Zimmerman; one stepgreat-grandson, Michael Hartman; and a sister-in-law, Ialeene Theisen, of Edgerton, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Naomi Zimmerman, and a brother, Paul Theisen.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Victory Barn Church near Edgerton with Pastor Rosene Short officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, also in Edgerton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Memorials are to Gideons International for the contribution of King James Version Bibles.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Janis Stull

ALBION — Janis Ann Stull, 71, of Albion died at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2008, at her home.

She had moved to the area in 1948 from Bryan, Ohio.

She had attended Albion Presbyterian Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1936, in Cecil, Ohio, to John S. and Juanita Grace (Lichty) Stull.

Surviving are two brothers, John S. Stull III of Florida and James and Beverly Stull of Albion; a sister, Judith (Orland) Leitch of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Janet Stull.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Road. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or Albion Presbyterian Church's Women's Association.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Barry Borucki

WOLCOTTVILLE — Barry J. Borucki, 52, of Wolcottville died Friday, March 28, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Borucki retired in 2001 after 20 years with the United States Army and moved to Adams Lake.

He had received a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University and a master's degree in theology at Liberty Baptist in Lynchburg, Va.

He was born May 1, 1955, in Chicago to Cyril and Dorothy (Toman) Borucki. His mother survives in Orland Park, Ill., and his father is deceased.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and William Burns of Crown Point; two brothers, Blaine Borucki of Orland Park, Ill., and John Borucki of Western Spring, Ill.; a niece, Christine Johnsen; and a nephew, Cyril Borucki.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Sent online condolences to youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Paul Gangwer

LIGONIER — Paul L. Gangwer, 80, died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include calling hours.*

Thomas Stebing

FORT WAYNE — Thomas James Weimer Stebing, 59, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Garrett died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked as an art teacher in various schools in the Fort Wayne area. He was a lifetime volunteer for several children's ministries. He attended the Fellowship Missionary Church in Fort Wayne. He was an accomplished artist and loved music and acting.

He was a 1966 graduate of Garrett High School and a 1970 graduate of Northwestern University. He later received his master's degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

He was born on June 4, 1948, in Ohio to Roger W. Stebing and Erma Jean (Baltz) Stebing. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Auburn.

In addition to his mother, other survivors include a daughter, Joanna Stebing of Fort Wayne; an aunt, Helen (Stebing) Bussell of Auburn; an uncle and aunt, Donald and Linda Stebing of Fort Wayne; cousins, Jayne and David McClellan and Carol Reese, all of Auburn, Beth and Doug Lamb of Lafayette, and Gina and Joe Copeland of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Stephen Kummernuss of St. Mark's Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be one hour before services at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Wayne, 2609 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Gerald Teixeira

AUBURN — Gerald Teixeira, 79, of Auburn died Monday, March 31, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Teixeira worked as a department manager in Kings Department Store in Fort Wayne for 18 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a former member of the Garrett Eagles. He played soccer at the Fort Wayne Sport Club.

He was born Feb. 27, 1929, in Georgetown, British Guiana, to John C. and Ulalie (DeSousa) Teixeira, who are both deceased.

He married Norma Y. Rodrigues on Nov. 15, 1950, in South America, and she survives.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include four sons and two daughters-in-law, Clayton and Debbie Teixeira of Garrett, Gary Teixeira of Fort Wayne, Keith and Laura Teixeira of Boulder, Colo., and Rich Teixeira of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Pat and John Blotkamp of Garrett and Marilyn Teixeira of Indianapolis; six grandchildren and their spouses, David Teixeira, Derek and Julie Teixeira, Derren and Christine Teixeira, Jennifer Blotkamp, Alex Teixeira and Andre Teixeira; and a great-granddaughter, Paige Teixeira.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Compton, Joseph and Vibart Teixeira; and two sisters, Olive Motayne and Olga Teixeira.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn with Father Babasino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in the Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and one hour prior to the funeral Friday. A rosary service will be Thursday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

The family of
Donna Myers
would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and prayers during the loss of our wife and mother.

Lee Myers
& family

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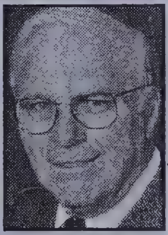
Wendell Hughes

HAMILTON — Wendell D. Hughes DDS, 80, of Hamilton died Monday, March 31, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Hughes

Mr. Hughes practiced dentistry in Butler for 34 years, retiring in 1991. He served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Dental Corps.

He was a graduate of Topeka High School, Goshen College and Indiana University School of Dentistry. He was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church, the American Dental Association and the Isaac Knapp Dental Association. He received the Paul Harris Fellow Rotarian Award and was very active in Matthew 25 and the United Methodist Volunteers in Missions.

He was born Feb. 24, 1928, in Scott Center to Dale Hughes Sr. and Wilma (Cole) Hughes. They preceded him in death.

He married Joan Yoder on Dec. 20, 1946, in Bloomington, and she survives.

Also surviving are four children and their spouses, Vicki and Larry Arnold of Fort Wayne, Wendy and Dennis Kepler of Waterloo, Dr. Daniel and Debra Hughes of Fort Wayne and Mary Beth and Gerry Rippy of Greenwood; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Deanna Arnold, Jennifer and Richard Runestad, Ryan and Heidi Kepler, Jo Dee and David Thompson, Bradley Hughes and Lauren Hughes; four stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and Brent Lockwood, Vicki Woods, Becky and Curtis Reynolds and Patrick and Audrey Rippy; five great-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by twin daughters, Pamela Ray and Judith Kay; a brother, Dale Hughes Jr.; and a sister, Betty Joyce Myers.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church, 501 W. Green St., Butler, with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in the Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church.

The H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of arrangements. Condolences and a video tribute may be viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Jennifer Seigel

AUBURN — Jennifer Lynne Seigel, 44, of Auburn died Monday, March 31, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Seigel

Mrs. Seigel was a homemaker and a member of the Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn. She was involved in DeKalb Area Schools at Home (DASH).

Mrs. Seigel was born June 30, 1963, in Freeport, Texas, to Robert N. Bashaw and Carey (Pruett) Walton. Her father survives in Tampa, Fla., and her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Jeff Seigel on July 11, 1987, in West Columbia, Texas, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Candy Elizabeth Seigel and Joy Lynne Seigel, both of Auburn; two sons, Michael James Seigel and Josiah David Seigel, both of Auburn; a brother, John Louis Bashaw of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Laura and Barry Smith of Belize, Central America, and Rhonda and Tommy Weaver of St. Louis, Mo.; and 15 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robin Bashaw.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn with Pastor David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. There will also be calling one hour prior to the funeral service at the church on Saturday.

Memorials are to a college education fund for the Seigel children in care of Jeff Seigel.

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Janice Campbell

WOLCOTTVILLE — Janice I. Campbell, 95, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Campbell was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Stroh Church of Christ in Stroh, Ashley Chapter No. 229 Order of Easter Star, and Stroh Home Extension Club.

Mrs. Campbell was known for her homemade bread.

She was born Feb. 16, 1913, in Stroh to John and Mary Ethel (Canon) Baker. On May 14, 1938, she married William Campbell in Albion on May 14, 1938. He died Feb. 6, 2008.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Billie and Maynard DeWitt of Wolcottville and Mary Ellen Tollett and her companion, Sam Dismore, of Kingston, Tenn.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Barbara Campbell of Churubusco; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Zula Adams of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two granddaughters; a brother; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery near Hudson.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, with an Order of Easter Star service by the Ashley Chapter at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Stroh Church of Christ.

Send online condolences to fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Mary Kunsman

ANGOLA — Mary Kunsman, 72, of Angola died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Kunsman was a hostess at Bennigan's Restaurant in Angola. She enjoyed spending time with her family, meeting at McDonald's for coffee with her friends and Wal-Mart. She enjoyed eating out and watching people walk by, crossword puzzles, crocheting, reading her bible, and was very fond of her dogs. She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Fremont. She had formerly lived in Bryan, Ohio, and Deming, N.M.

Mrs. Kunsman

She was born Sept. 30, 1935, in St. George, Kan., to Clyde and Ora Pearl (Woods) Bolte. She married Ned C. Kunsman on July 25, 1955, in Edon, Ohio. He died May 20, 2004.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Frenche and Robert Salaiz of Angola, and Andre and Rob Dorsey of Fremont; a granddaughter, Tracey Salaiz of Angola; a grandson, Chris Salaiz of Angola; and a sister, Liz Holloway of Manhattan, Kan.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Beverly.

Services will be announced at a later date. There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Paul Gangwer

LAGRANGE — Paul L. Gangwer, 80, of LaGrange died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gangwer was a lifetime area resident. He had been an auto technician at Burnworth Zollars in Ligonier and retired from there after 15 years of service.

He was an Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Mr. Gangwer was known as a family man. He loved cars, fishing and NASCAR.

He was born June 18, 1927, in Noble County to Edward and Wilma (Stoner) Gangwer. He married Berneta Price on May 29, 1948, in New Haven. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and his wife, Ken and Kathy Gangwer of Ligonier, two grandchildren, Mandy and Matthew Gangwer; three sisters, Mildred Klemm of Elkhart, Margaret and Lejuene Morrison of Wolcottville and Rosalie and John Rosenogle of Wawaka; and special friends, Mary and Bill Burkhead of LaGrange.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Lois Wert, Vada Vaughn, Grace Honeywell and Dorothy Deck; and three brothers, Donald, Dean and William Gangwer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be David Barhydt, Douglas Barhydt, Deliane Barhydt, Tony Fisher, Wayne Reed and Matthew Gangwer.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Earl Carsten

ANGOLA — Earl J. Carsten, 93, of Auburn and formerly of Steuben County died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Crosswood Centre in Auburn.

Mr. Carsten worked his entire career in the dairy industry, serving as past president of the Indiana Dairy Products Association.

He served many community projects and was named the 1991 Older Hoosier of the year. He was a member of the Clear Lakes Lions Club and the Community of the Cross.

He was born on a farm near Lowell on Aug. 8, 1914, the son of William and Mary Carsten.

He is survived by his wife, Isabelle, of Auburn; a son, the Rev. E. Brian Carsten of Auburn; two nieces; a nephew; as well as many friends.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola. Burial will be held at a later date in the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene at Crosswood Centre.

Calling will be from 2 p.m. until the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Crosswood Centre Buidling Fund.

Arrangements by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Roger Westfall

HUNTINGTON — Roger Allen Westfall, 54, of Huntington died Monday, March 31, 2008.

Mr. Westfall worked in the warehouse at Wayne Metal in Markle and cleaned for White Glove Cleaning Service in Fort Wayne. He loved gardening, camping and raising chickens.

Mr. Westfall

He was born on Aug. 31, 1953, in Hartford City to Robert E. and Edith L. (Trotter) Westfall.

He married Irene L. (Tharp) Trimble on June 24, 2006, in Huntington. She survives in Huntington.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Aaron and Laura Westfall of Yoder, Jason and Amanda Westfall of Pennville and Jared Westfall of Poneto; two daughters and a son-in-law, Joy and Adam Jordan of Huntington and Jenni Westfall of Ossian; stepsons, Gered Trimble of the Virgin Islands, Geoffre Trimble of Fort Wayne and Gentry Trimble of Huntington; five grandchildren, William, Elizabeth and Krista Westfall and Breanna and Alexis Westfall; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Trudy Westfall of Bluffton; and a sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Brian Carnahan of Spencerville.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, 3220 East S.R. 124, Bluffton, with Pastor Gary Dilley and Pastor Aaron Westfall officiating. Burial will be in Star of Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wells County 4-H Foundation, 1240 S. 4-H Road, Bluffton, IN 46714.

Arrangements are by by Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Helen Neidig

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Neidig, 82, of Kendallville died at 5 a.m. today, Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Among her survivors are her daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Roger Maxwell of Kendallville.

Services for Mrs. Neidig are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 2, 2008, Wednesday

Chris B. Gaff, 50

ALBION - Chris B. Gaff, 50, died Thursday March 27, 2008 at 6:55 PM surrounded by his family at his rural Albion home. He had been ill with Lou Gerhig's disease for the past 8 months.

He was born on February 14, 1958 in Columbia City, Indiana. He was the son of Burt and Jocquelyn (Norris) Gaff. His father died on October 2, 1994, his mother survives in Albion. He was a lifetime resident of the Albion area, graduating from Central Noble High School in 1976. He married Jody Smith in Albion on May 10, 1985. She survives also in Albion.

Chris was a deputy surveyor for the Noble County Surveyor's office. He was an avid outdoorsman, he loved hunting, fishing, canoeing and watching old westerns. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Albion and the National Rifle Association. Also a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville.

Other survivors include a son, Caleb Gaff of Ft. Carson, Colorado, in the US Army; two daughters, Jolene and Courtney Gaff, both of Albion; two sisters and a brother-in-law Candy Gaff of Fort Wayne, Carol (Jim) Pankop of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Cliff (Julie) Gaff of Albion; mother and father-in-law, Ron (Marlene) Smith of Albion, brothers and sisters-in-law, Matt (Mary) Smith of Albion, Kim (Dan) Phares of Ligonier, and Ronda (Norm) Lortie of Albion.

Funeral services for Mr. Gaff were March 31, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in rural Kendallville. Rev. Thelma Cobbler S.T.S. officiated. Brazzell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion

Please make memorials to Whitley County Hospice or Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

To send online condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com

James R. Wilson, 81

James R. Wilson, age 81, of Kendallville, passed away on Friday, March 28, 2008 at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville, Indiana on August 6, 1926 to Henry Wilson and Esther (Streb) Wilson.

Mr. Wilson drove a gas truck for Beight's Oil Company in Kendallville and then for Browns Amoco when the company switched hands. Later he worked for Strawser Brothers Construction in Kendallville as a mechanic, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge. In his spare time he liked to work in the yard and have a garden. Being a mechanic, he also liked to work on his tractors, cars and boats.

Survivors include: one sister, Ruth Harriett Freed of Avilla, Indiana; one nephew, Kenneth L. (Sally) Freed of Rome City, Indiana; one niece, Elizabeth Ruth ("Dolly") (Robert) Kollman of Kendallville, Indiana; one nephew on his wife's side, Richard Swafford of California; special friend, Judy Keck of Kendallville, Indiana; several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Zona (Burger) Wilson and one sister, Sharon Terry.

Funeral Services were April 1, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 2, 2008, Wednesday

Ova Wayne Sumner, 57

GARRETT — Ova Wayne Sumner, 57, of Lexington, Ky., and formerly of Garrett, died March 12, 2008.

He was born March 21, 1950, to Eli Sumner Sr. and Hazel Marie Sumner.

Surviving are two sons, Mirth Wayne Sumner of Waterloo and Joseph Allen Sumner of Avilla; four brothers, Norman Bud Sumner of Vicco, Ky., Esom Glenn Sumner of Spencerville, Coby Dean Sumner of Rome City and Daniel James Sumner of Rome City; three sisters, Frances Ann Collins of Albion, Persie Sumner of Garrett and Mary Pence of Garrett; and four grandchildren, Steven Wayne Sumner, Alexander Joseph Sumner, Jessica Diane Sumner and Tabitha Ann Sumner.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ora Lee Cody; and two brothers, Eli Sumner Jr. and John David Sumner.

Calling will be Saturday, April 5, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Lane Andrews officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

To sign an online guest book or to send a condolence, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jon M. Nei, 41

ALBION – Jon M. Nei, 41, of Albion, was pronounced dead early Saturday morning, March 29, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, where he was transported after collapsing in LaOtto.

He was born August 27, 1966, in Columbia City, Indiana, a son of James Phillip and Peggy A. (Raypole) Nei. His formative years were spent in Columbia City. He graduated from Columbia City Joint High School in 1984.

Since July 1990 he has been employed at Asphalt Drum Mixers. He was formerly employed at White Automotive and Holmes Lumber Co.

On June 1, 1996, he was united in marriage to Deanna Beard. They made their first home in Columbia City, moving to their present home in June 1997.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Deanna; a son and daughter at home, Ethan and Bianca; a brother, James M. Nei of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Cheryl Houlihan of Huntertown.

His parents preceded him in death.

The memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 2008, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Additional information and condolences may be obtained by logging ontl smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 2, 2008, Wednesday

Janis A. Stull, 71

ALBION — Janis A. Stull, 71, of Albion died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at her home in Albion.

She was born August 26, 1936 in Cecil, Ohio to John S. and Juanita Grace (Lichty) Stull. She had been a resident of the area since 1948 coming from Bryan, Ohio. She attended Albion Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two brothers John S. Stull III of Florida, and James (Beverly) Stull of Albion, a sister, Judith (Orland) Leitch of Albion. Several neices and nephews. She is preceeded in death by her twin sister, Janet Stull.

Funeral services for Miss Stull will be Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 11:00 AM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 771 Trail Ridge Rd. Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice or Albion Presbyterian Church, Women's Association.

Please send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

June Elaine Campbell, 57

KENDALLVILLE – June Elaine Campbell, age 57, of Kendallville, passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at her apartment in Kendallville.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 18, 1950 to Charles Franklin and Norma Lynn (Howard) Fulford.

She was employed with Riverside Manufacturing in Kendallville and loved her cats, eating out, drives around the countryside, and butterfly and deer watching.

Survivors include: a daughter, Billie Sue Campbell of Kendallville; two sons, Michael Ray (Lisa) Campbell, of Kendallville, Steven Niles of Kendallville; eight grandchildren: Frank James Campbell of Fort Wayne, Renee Elaine Alleshouse of Kendallville, Jessica Dawn Ferguson of Cromwell, Michael Ray Campbell, Jr., Michele Marie Campbell both of Avilla, Cory James Campbell of Kendallville, and Chelsea Ream of Fort Wayne; two great grandchildren; Aiden Scott Buss and Hailey Dawn Young; two sisters, Lynn Howard of Dallas, Texas, and Charlotte Smith.

She was preceded in death by parents and a brother, Kenny Fulford.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 2, 2008, from 3:00-6:00 PM at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 11:00AM at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Scott Pattison.

Preferred Memorials may be made to to the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 3, 2008, Thursday

Carol Sutton

WESTLER LAKE — Carol A. Sutton, 61, of Westler Lake near Wolcottville died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at her home with her family by her side following a three-year battle against cancer.

Mrs. Sutton

Mrs. Sutton had been a quality control supervisor at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for 42 years.

She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

Mrs. Sutton enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was born in Virgie, Ky., on March 13, 1947, to Harold and Ida Mae (Newsome) Reynolds. She married Danny R. Sutton on June 29, 1985, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jami and Trevor Pyle of Albion and Robinn and Tyler Mitchell of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Chelsea Pyle, Andrew Pyle and Coby Mitchell; a brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Sally Reynolds of David, Ky.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Bonnie and Calvin Martin of Columbus and Jean and Adrian Slone of Rockwood, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Reynolds.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

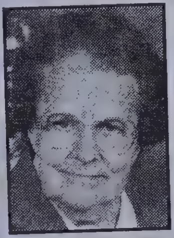
Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Five Corners Baptist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen Neidig

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Naomi Neidig, 82, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.


Mrs. Neidig

Mrs. Neidig had worked at Kendallville Laundry and at Lyall Electric in Ashley.

She enjoyed taking walks and gardening.

Mrs. Neidig was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on April 11, 1925, to William and Edna (Reichard) Kimpel. She married Roy Alfred Neidig on April 24, 1949, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He preceded her death May 13, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Roger Maxwell of Kendallville; a grandson, Sean Maxwell of Kendallville; a granddaughter and her husband, Carrie and Hans Huelsenbeck of Kendallville; a great-granddaughter, Ava Grace Maxwell; two sisters, Ruth Hons of Fort Meyers Beach, Fla., and Dorothy Drake of Terre Haute; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul and Bernita Kimpel and Earl Kimpel, all of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Stewart; and three brothers, Martin, Carl and Art Kimpel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the East Wing at Shepherd of the Hill.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

John Eash

TOPEKA — John H. Eash, 91, of Topeka died at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 3, 2008, Thursday

Helen Barger

GARRETT — Helen M. Barger, 76, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Barger

She was a lifetime Garrett resident. She worked for Bauman and Harnish in Garrett, retiring in 1994 with 28 years of service.

She was a member and greeter at First Baptist Church of Garrett and a member of Garrett Eagles Auxiliary and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

She was born May 31, 1931, in DeKalb County to Arthur N. and Lucy F. (Beard) Newcomer.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Keith Potter, Patsy and Garry Thornsbearry Sr. and Lori and Rick Hatton, all of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Barb Barger, and Terry and Carol Barger, all of Garrett; seven brothers, Richard Newcomer of Auburn, Jerry Newcomer of Kendallville, Lyle Newcomer of Ligonier, Charles Newcomer of Wisconsin, Dean Newcomer and Max Newcomer, both of Idaho, and Dale Newcomer of California; a sister, Doris Kees of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timmy Barger, and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Garrett with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church or RSVP.

To send a condolence or sign an online guestbook, go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Lois Best

INDIANAPOLIS — Lois K. Best, 82, of Indianapolis died Monday, March 24, 2008.

She was born in Garrett to John and Florence (Hyde) Freeze. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Best lived in Garrett until 1985, when she moved to Indianapolis.

Surviving are her husband, Norman W. Best Sr.; two sons, Norman W. Best Jr. and Jeff L. Best; and a sister, LeAnna Friend.

Services were Saturday in Indianapolis.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 88517, Indianapolis, IN 46208-8517.

Richard Hinkley

ANGOLA — Richard L. Hinkley, 76, died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, in Hillsdale, Mich.

Mr. Hinkley was self-employed.

He was born in LaGrange to Clair and Geneva (Dyer) Hinkley. He married Mindy Burger on Aug. 17, 1994. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ted Hinkley of Angola, and Jeffrey Hinkley of Hamilton; three daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly McPherson of Hudson, Barbara Wolf, and Bobbie Joann and Joni Timpe, all of Angola; a half brother, Paul McClanahan of Sturgis, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; eight stepchildren, Julie Eiker of Fort Wayne, Micah Burger of Angola, Jason Burger of Mongo, Nolan Burger of Bristol, Erinn Chapman, Loren Burger, and Lucas Burger, all of Garrett; and Craig Burger of Japan.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 3, 2008, Thursday

Rachel Roos

FORT WAYNE — Rachel Marie Roos, 23, died Monday, March 31, 2008, in Fort Wayne.

She attended Northrop High School and Shoaff Park Baptist Church.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Feb. 18, 1985, to Howard Johnson and Karen (Roos) Oberkiser, who both survive.

She is also survived by a son, Brendon LaDuke of Angola; mother and stepfather, Karen and Don Oberkiser of Angola; father and stepmother, Howard and Sara Johnson of Fremont; two brothers, Michael Roos of Florida, and Chris Roos of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Pete Callahan of Fort Wayne; two stepbrothers, Chris Oberkiser, and Brad Oberkiser both of Fort Wayne; three half brothers, Zach Johnson of Fremont, Howard "Duke" Johnson, and Jeremy Johnson, both of Fort Wayne; and maternal grandmother, Patricia Mendenhall of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Perkey officiating. A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in Blue Creek Cemetery, Paulding, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Brendon LaDuke Educational Fund care of Karen Oberkiser.

Robert Potts

ANGOLA — Robert C. "Charlie" Potts, 53, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Potts was a truck driver with Alvan Motor Freight.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 257 in Fremont and the Teamsters Union.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 22, 1954, to Robert and Evelyn (Wetzel) Potts.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Andrew Motz of Wolcottville; a son, Jason Potts of South Milford; a granddaughter, Miranda Motz; a companion, Susan Herl of Fremont; and three nieces, Cindy Roberts of Fort Wayne, Candy Brown of Huntertown, and Stephanie Koevets of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Judy Koevets.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, and one hour prior to services Saturday, at the funeral home.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April 3, 2008, Thursday

Betty Stabe

KENDALLVILLE — Betty Evelyn Stabe, 87, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stabe owned and operated Betty's Salon of Beauty in Kendallville for many years and was an Avon representative.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna where she enjoyed her favorite music and old hymns. She was also a member the Kendallville Business and Professional Women. She and her husband, Harold, had been members of the Rollin' Oldies Car Club.

She was born April 23, 1920, in Kendallville to Donald and Leora Sollenberger. She was first married to Paul Stackhouse, who preceded her death. She then married Harold F. Stabe in October 1972 and he died Oct. 4, 2007.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Jim Hagerty of Kendallville and Sharry and Dave Wiehe of Columbia City; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Diana and David Ladig of New Haven, Kevin and Vickie Bortner of Ligonier, Ron and Sandra Bortner of Huntington, Terry and Elizabeth Bortner of Ligonier, Lana Snyder of Auburn, Lisa McDaniel of Auburn, Jennifer Roark of Fort Wayne and Sara and Shawn Schuller of Columbia City; 18 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; several nephews including Philip Nicholson and his wife, Kathy, of Maryland; a niece and her husband, Carolyn and Pete Smith of South Carolina; and a great-niece and her husband, Beth Ann and Max Melchi of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Rosie, June and Helen.

Services were Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

June Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — June Elaine Campbell, 57, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at her apartment in Kendallville.

Mrs. Campbell was employed with Riverside Manufacturing in Kendallville.

She enjoyed cats, eating out, taking drives around the countryside and watching butterflies and deer.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 18, 1950, to Charles Franklin and Norma Lynn (Howard) Fulford.

Surviving are a daughter, Billie Sue Campbell of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Ray and Lisa Campbell and Steven Niles, all of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Frank Campbell of Fort Wayne, Renee Alleshouse and Cory Campbell, both of Kendallville, Jessica Ferguson of Cromwell, Michael Campbell Jr. and Michele Campbell, both of Avilla, and Chelsea Ream of Fort Wayne; two great-grandchildren, Aiden Scott Buss and Hailey Dawn Young; and two sisters, Lynn Howard of Dallas, Texas, and Charlotte Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Kenny Fulford.

Services were this morning, Thursday, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Send online condolences to hitefuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April 3, 2008, Thursday

Funeral services were held March 28 for Anna Patrick

LIGONIER — Anna W. Patrick, 85, of Ligonier died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier. She had been a resident there since January.

Mrs. Patrick was a lifetime area resident and had worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier for 32 years. She had also worked at the West Noble Daycare Center and with her daughter in providing child care for many children.

Mrs. Patrick

She was a member of Burr Oak Church in Ligonier, STOP, Golden Girls Friendship Club and the Noble County Democratic Women's Club.

Mrs. Patrick enjoyed glass etching and reading.

She was born Aug. 12, 1922, in Kimmell to Wayne and Lena (LeCount) Thunander. She married Lloyd Patrick on May 31, 1939, in Merriam. He died Sept. 28, 1977.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Harold and Margaret Patrick of Topeka and Clyde and Sue Patrick, Brad and Joy Patrick and Don and Brenda Patrick, all of Ligonier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nina and Dave Ogden and Nancy and Paul Fought, all of Ligonier, and Cheryl and Jerry Mangus of Kimmell; a daughter-in-law, Diana Patrick, of Gillette, Wyoming; 31 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Phil Patrick in 1999; a daughter, Kathy Patrick in 1966; and three sisters, Ruth Knox, Donna Seidner and Bertie Price.

Services were held Friday, March 28, at Ligonier Evangelical Church with the Rev. Sheldon Crapo and Lawrence Byrnes officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers were Troy Patrick, Scott Reeve, Jeff Patrick, Marty Patrick, Mike Weldy and Andrew Fought. Honorary pallbearer was Warren Patrick.

Calling was held Thursday, March 27, at the church and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Future Ligonier Alliance or Southern Care Hospice.

J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to: brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Paul Gangwer

LAGRANGE — Paul L. Gangwer, 80, of LaGrange died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gangwer was a lifetime area resident. He had been an auto technician at Burnworth Zollars in Ligonier and retired from there after 15 years of service.

He was an Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Mr. Gangwer was known as a family man. He loved cars, fishing and NASCAR.

He was born June 18, 1927, in Noble County to Edward and Wilma (Stoner) Gangwer. He married Berneta Price on May 29, 1948, in New Haven. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and his wife, Ken and Kathy Gangwer of Ligonier, two grandchildren, Mandy and Matthew Gangwer; three sisters, Mildred Klemm of Elkhart, Margaret and Lejuene Morrison of Wolcottville and Rosalie and John Rosenogle of Wawaka; and special friends, Mary and Bill Burkhead of LaGrange.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Lois Wert, Vada Vaughn, Grace Honeywell and Dorothy Deck; and three brothers, Donald, Dean and William Gangwer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at J.A. Brazzell & Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be David Barhydt, Douglas Barhydt, Deliane Barhydt, Tony Fisher, Wayne Reed and Matthew Gangwer.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 4, 2008, Friday

Daniel Lambright

WOLCOTTVILLE — Daniel J. Lambright, 79, of Wolcottville died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Lambright was a farmer, carpenter and gave reflexolgy treatments.

He was a minister with the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Lambright was born July 7, 1928, in Topeka to John and Ada (Lehman) Lambright. He married Wilma Bontrager on Nov. 30, 1948, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Alvin and Marcia Lambright of Topeka and Joas and Marsha Lambright of Wolcottville; eight daughters, Mary and Marvin Schwartz and June and Ezra Bontrager, all of Wolcottville, Fanny and William Yoder and Ada and LeRoy Miller, all of Dalton, Wis., Frieda and Christy Mast, Ruby and Devon Miller and Nettie and DeWayne Miller, all of Topeka, and Naomi and Mervin Lehman of Shipshewana; two brothers, Menno and Fanny Lambright of Topeka and Mahlin and Alma Lambright of Sonora, Ky.; brothers-in-law, Amos Mast of Lawrenceburg and Levi Lehman of Homerville, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Nettie Lambright of LaGrange; 66 grandchildren; and 97 great-grandchildren.

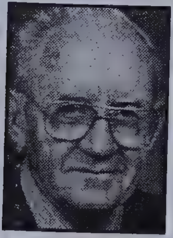
He was preceded in death by a son, Perry; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ervin, Harvey and Joseph; and four sisters, Emma Lambright, Mary Lambright, Edna Mast and Amanda Lehman.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Mervin Bontrager residence, 0821 W. C.R. 1200N, Wolcottville, with home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Clear Spring Cemetery.

Calling will be all day today at the family home.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

John Eash


Mr. Eash

TOPEKA — John H. Eash, 91, of Topeka died at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past year.

Mr. Eash was a farmer and had driven a school bus.

He was a 60-year member of the Townline Mennonite Church where he had held several positions.

Mr. Eash enjoyed traveling and playing the accordion. He and his wife wintered in Florida for several years.

He was born Dec. 5, 1916, in LaGrange County to Harvey and Mary (Troyer) Eash. He married Edna Lambright on Nov. 2, 1941, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Carolyn and Steve Overholt of Topeka and Rosie Eash of Elkhart; three sons, Wayne and Marilyn Eash of Ligonier, Glen and Ingrid Eash of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Ken and Linda Eash of Churubusco; 17 grandchildren; a stepgranddaughter; 15 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Wilma and Mahlon Miller of Shipshewana, Mary and Joe Miller Jr. and Katie and Elmer Bontrager, all of Goshen, and Letti and William Bontrager and Anna and Ralph Schrock, all of LaGrange; and a brother, Mervin Eash of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond, Freeman, Harvey Jr., Allen and Ervin Eash; four sisters, Edna Lehman, Verna Bontrager, Elizabeth Eash and Alice Eash; and a stepgranddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Townline Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Mel Eash and the Rev. Menno Mullet officiating. Burial will be in the Townline Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview LaGrange Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Richard Shull

ST. JOE — Richard C. Shull, 81, died Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley; three daughters and sons-in-law, Beth and Dennis Keller of St. Joe, Martha and Melvin Steury of Spencerville and Cathy and Ivan Sherman of Pendleton; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, JoAnn Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, and Marion Oatman of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Metz, and a brother, William.

There will be no calling or services.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

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Robert Peverly

Mr. Peverly

EDGERTON, Ohio — Robert Thomas Peverly, 79, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at 10 p.m. in Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers of Bryan, Ohio, where he was a patient.

A 1955 graduate of Adrian College at Adrian, Mich., Mr. Peverly received a bachelor's degree in education. In 1956, he began teaching mathematics in the Edgerton Schools, where he taught for 32 years. He coached cross country, junior high basketball, high school boys basketball, high school girls basketball and 17 years of baseball, participating in the state baseball tournament in 1979 and placing as runner-up.

He was also a long-time director of the summer recreation association in Edgerton. In 1972, he started the Port-A-Pit BBQ business.

Mr. Peverly was a member of the Lick Creek Church of the Brethren in Bryan, Ohio, a past member of the Edgerton Masonic Lodge, and Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

He was a member of the Edgerton Lions Club, serving as charter president when it was reorganized in 1985. He held the position of president three times, as well as membership chairman and tail twister. In 1987, he received the Lion of the Year Award and in 1998, he received the honored Melvin Jones Award.

In 2000, he and his wife, Iva, were recognized as Edgerton Citizens of the Year.

He was born Jan. 31, 1929, in East Greenbush, N.Y., to Thomas Lidell and Ethel Beatrice (Smith) Peverly.

He married Iva Ann Ruder on Aug. 21, 1954, in North Adams, Mich., and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Dean Thomas and Susan Peverly, of Hicksville, Ohio, David Ray and Ounleyn Peverly of Auburn, Daniel Lydell and Leona Peverly, of Edgerton, Ohio, and Dale Robert and Annette Peverly, of Findlay, Ohio; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two bonus grandchildren and six bonus great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard Lidell Peverly, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and one sister-in-law, Barbara Peverly, of Rensselaer, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald William Peverly, and one sister-in-law, Mary Peverly.

Services will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Edgerton Elementary School gymnasium, with Dr. Bryon Hawbecker officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Visitation will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest register may be signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

John Sawvel

Mr. Sawvel

FORT WAYNE — John D. Sawvel, 51, of Fort Wayne and a former longtime resident of Angola, died suddenly Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was formerly employed at Scott's Foods in Fort Wayne as a carry-out attendant. He was most recently employed at Easter Seals ARC as a production worker. He was a member of Aboite Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 1, 1956, in Angola to Walter S. and Ireta A. (Bever) Sawvel. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dora H. and Clarence Thorne of Butler and Elsa M. and Frederick Heimach, also of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

A stepbrother, Walter Nelson Sawvel, preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton, with Pastor Rich Pagan officiating.

There will be no calling.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory of Hamilton is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Lutheran Disability Outreach, 330 Madison St., P.O. Box 11329, Fort Wayne, IN 46857, to the attention of the Rev. Brian Pratt, director.

Condolences may be sent and a guest register may be signed at oberlin-ford.com.

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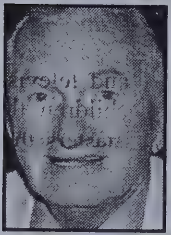
Edward Adomaitis

FREMONT — Edward W. Adomaitis, 81, of Fremont, died Thursday, April 4, 2008, at his home.


Mr. Adomaitis

Mr. Adomaitis served as director or business manager for various medical organizations, including the Vaughn Medical Group of Chicago, the Gary Clinic in Gary, the Medical Group of Michigan City and Forest hills Medical Center in Justice, Ill. He owned and operated the Add-A-Midas Coin Shop in Angola for many years. In addition, he served as service manager for the Chicago Theatre, worked at American Gear in Cicero, ill., and taught at Flower High School in Chicago. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola; the Medical Group Management Association, where he had served as past president of the Midwest Section; Illinois Clinic Managers Group and the Indiana Clinic Managers Group, serving both as president; the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal Mundelein Council, where he served as president and was a member of the fourth degree club; the American Legion Darius-Girenas Post No. 271, and a fellow at the American College of Medical Group Administrators.

He was born Nov. 2, 1926, in Chicago, to Anthony and Frances (Laugalatis) Adomaitis. He married Margaret Moran on April 21, 1951. She survives.

He is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Debra Adomaitis of Naperville, Ill., and Anthony and Mary Adomaitis of Jimmerson Lake; three daughters and sons-in-law, Frances and Dennis Beemon of Las Vegas, Catherine and James Keuch of Union Grove, Wis., and Mary and Mike Klebe of Fremont; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Mary Adams of Dallas; a sister, Helen Miller of Cape Cod, Mass.; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Anthony Adomaitis.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in St. Casmir's Cemetery in Chicago.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. A prayer service will be held at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health or the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church New Building Fund.

Irma Kohlmeyer

FORT WAYNE — Irma L. Kohlmeyer, 87, Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Kohlmeyer worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church and the Elex Club.

She was born May 10, 1920, in Fort Wayne. She married William Kohlmeyer. He died in 1984.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Kohlmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Garry Kohlmeyer of Angola; a daughter, Bonnie Zulliger of Merrill, Wis.; a sister, Leona Dohrman of Bradenton, Fla.; a brother, Herbert Baatz of Wall Lake; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Winchester Chapel in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church and the Alzheimer's Foundation.

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Margaret Snider

FORT WAYNE — Margaret Anne Snider, 45, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, in a two-vehicle accident.

She was a medical secretary at Fort Wayne Neurology and a member of The Chapel in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 23, 1962, in Hicksville, Ohio, to George and Ann (Erter) Snider. Her mother survives in Antwerp, Ohio.

Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Mike of Auburn, Matt and Amy of Findlay, Ohio, and Mark and Dina of Cincinnati, Ohio, and six nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street, Antwerp, Ohio. The Rev. Rick Hawks will officiate. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery at Cecil, Ohio.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to WBCL Radio.

Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp and Payne, Ohio, will handle arrangements. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at dooleyfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Richard Hinkley

ANGOLA — Richard L. Hinkley, 76, died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, in Hillsdale, Mich.

Mr. Hinkley was a self-employed milk-handler.

He was born May 22, 1931, in LaGrange to Clair and Geneva (Dyer) Hinkley. He married Mindy Burger on Aug. 17, 1994. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Ted Hinkley of Angola, and Jeffrey Hinkley of Hamilton; three daughters, Beverly McPherson of Hudson, Barbara Wolf, and Bobbie Joann "Joni" Timpe, all of Angola; a half brother, Paul McClanahan of Sturgis, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; eight stepchildren, Julie Uecker of Fort Wayne, Micah Burger of Angola, Jason Burger of Mongo, Nolan Burger of Bristol, Erinn Chapman, Loren Burger, and Lucas Burger, all of Garrett; and Craig Burger of Japan.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark, in 1979.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Alice Adams

COLDWATER, Mich. — Alice R. Adams, 88, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Angola, died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Maple Lawn Care Facility in Coldwater.

She was a homemaker. She and her husband operated the Arlington Hotel in the early 1960s.

She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church in Coldwater. She graduated from St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, Ohio, in 1938.

She was born June 15, 1919, in Hillsdale County, Mich. She was adopted by Francis and Nettie (Phillips) Flandermyer in June 1921. She had been left at Arlington Hotel, which was owned by the Flandermyers, when she was three weeks old. She married Max Adams in Angola on Dec. 5, 1946. He died on Jan. 19, 2001.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Thatcher of Coldwater; two grandchildren, Robin McKee and Terry Thatcher; and great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, K. Louise Frandenburg.

Services and calling have already taken place.

Memorials are to Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility or St. Charles Catholic Church.

Arrangements were by the Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater.

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Crash claims life of woman

BY WANDA YODER
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LAGRANGE — An Amish buggy and van crash took the life of one woman and sent two others to the hospital late Friday evening. U.S. 20 was closed for nearly three hours from S.R. 9 to C.R. 100E.

Police have not released the names of those involved.

An unidentified man who was riding in the buggy with the woman, and the driver of the van were both treated at the scene and transported to Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

The van and the buggy had extensive front-end damage. The crash occurred at 9:45 p.m. at U.S. 20 and Canal Parkway.

An attendant at the Citgo station, located near the intersection, said the driver of the van ran into the business seeking help. "I called the police right away but when I looked out again, they were already on the scene," he said.

Assisting at the scene were the LaGrange Police Department, LaGrange County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, LaGrange Fire Department and Parkview LaGrange EMS.

Ernestine Tweed

FORT WAYNE — Ernestine M. Tweed, 90, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 3, 2008. at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tweed had been a secretary with International Harvester and a homemaker.

She was a native of Waco, Texas.

Mrs. Tweed was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, DAR and the Genealogical Society and was a lifelong Cubs fan.

Surviving are her husband, Eugene Tweed of Fort Wayne; a son, Robert and Tracy Tweed of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Patricia and Robert Goings of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Meghan, Adam, Drew and Matthew; and a sister, Virginia Gallagher of Chicago.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Margaret Stalling.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with Msgr. John Suelzer officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with a vigil at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Calling also will take place one hour before the service on Tuesday.

Memorials are to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church or Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Quentin Jones

CROMWELL — Quentin Gabriel Jones, 30, of Cromwell died at 4:51 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, in Warsaw.

He was a lifetime area resident, and previously attended Wawasee High School.

On June 19, 1977, he was born in Goshen to Michael and Martha (Chavez) Jones.

Surviving are his parents; a son, Chase Jones of Cromwell; a daughter, Melodie Jones of Cromwell; two sisters, Jocelyn Jones of Warsaw, and Joetta Christen of Fort Wayne; and grandparents, Lester and Lillian Jones of LaGrange, and Theodosia Chavez of Ligonier.

A grandparent, Andrew Chavez, preceded him in death.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in McClintic Cemetery, Syracuse.

Calling will be two hours prior to services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

Send condolences to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Richard Schlotter

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Godfrey Schlotter, 70, of Kendallville died Friday, April 4, 2008, at his residence.

He graduated in 1956 from White's Institute in Wabash where he played football and ran track. He was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after more than 40 years of employment. He liked fishing, hunting and bird watching, and he was interested in the outdoors.

Mr. Schlotter

Mr. Schlotter was a local Boy Scout Troop 103 leader in the 1970s, and a member of Ducks Unlimited. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge. He was a Notre Dame fan and was a coin collector.

On Dec. 21, 1937, in Avilla, he was born to Godfrey Benedict and Leah Laverne (Harriger) Schlotter.

Surviving are his former wife and lifelong friend Tilda Mae Schlotter of Waldron Lake, Wawaka; a daughter, Evon Marie Schlotter of Lockport, Ill.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy James and Mary-Catherine Manuel Schlotter, and Ken Schlotter, all of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Timothy Jay, Alyxandra Marie, Jeremey, Zachary and Antoinette Schlotter, and Yvonne Simmons; a great-grandson, Nathanial James Schlotter; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles "Jedd" and Judy Schlotter of Choctaw, Okla.; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon and Charles Laws and Rebecca Wert, all of Avilla, and Cheryl Miller of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Richard Godfrey Schlotter who died in May 1998; and a brother, Robert Schlotter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

David Frost

HOUSTON, Texas — David Robert Frost, 67, of Houston died Thursday, April 3, 2008.

Mr. Frost was a sportsman, hunter and collected rifles.

He was born Feb. 9, 1941, in Willard, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Maria; four daughters, Kathryn Gardner, Karen Ballard, Kim Macrohan and her husband, John, and Kitty Rodriguez and her husband, Polo; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, James and Allison Frost.

Services were today at Pasadena Funeral Chapel in Pasadena, Texas.

R. Diane Moshier

STURGIS, MICH. — R. Diane Moshier, 64, of Sturgis, Mich., died Friday, April 4, 2008, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Elvis and bowling were his things

Alliance Industries worker Jerry Pfeiffer 'had a good life'

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jerry Pfeiffer, left, and his brother, Dale Pfeiffer, accepted a lifetime award in honor of their mother, Dorothy Pfeiffer, at Alliance Industries' 50th anniversary open house in October 2007.

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BY SUE CARPENTER
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GARRETT — Jerry Pfeiffer loved everything Elvis, according to friends and family.

His death on March 11 at 61 came as a shock to many, who thought he would be around forever — just like The King.

"When Elvis sang his first song, that must have been Jerry listening," Margaret Randol said.

Pfeiffer, who was mentally challenged, lived with Randol through the week so he could work at Alliance Industries in Garrett. Randol's son, Justin, who has Down syndrome, also is employed at the nonprofit workshop for the developmentally disabled and a good friend of Pfeiffer.

"Jerry was a dedicated worker," said Alliance executive director Lili Hand.

Pfeiffer packaged and assembled parts for various local industries four days a week. He missed work only when he was sick, which was very seldom, she said.

"He was always willing to help his co-workers when they needed parts. Jerry was generous to a fault — he had a good heart," Hand said.

Pfeiffer was a longtime worker at Alliance Industries, previously known as Wee Haven Activity Center. In the 1950s, his mother, Dorothy, was among a group of parents who founded the school for developmentally-disabled children, where Pfeiffer was among the first students.

Dorothy Pfeiffer also lived with the Randols for a few years until she was placed in a Fort Wayne nursing home about five years ago, suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Jerry Pfeiffer was expected to live only to age 21, according to his older sister, Pat Tagtmeyer of Fort Wayne, with whom he lived three days a week. Pfeiffer died two weeks shy of his 62nd birthday.

"We all thought he would outlive everyone," Tagtmeyer said. But the family worried about his care, in case he did. An apparent massive heart attack took his life while he was sleeping at his sister's home.

"It was a real shock," said Tagtmeyer.

Pfeiffer's room at the Tagtmeyer home was a veritable Elvis museum — including an inflatable chair, blankets, lamps, and a life-size cut out of "The King," Tom Jones, Engelbert Humperdinck, Elvis and the Beatles were his favorites at first, according to his sister-in-law, Debbie Pfeiffer of Garrett. "Then it was just Elvis."

"He was a hugger," Debbie Pfeiffer said. "He would put his arm around me, put his head on my shoulder and say 'I love you.' That was Jerry."

Pfeiffer's father, John, never wanted Jerry to go into a group home, Debbie Pfeiffer said, adding, "That's a decision we won't have to make."

"He always had a smile," Tagtmeyer said. And he loved to help around the house.

"Jerry wanted to fix things, but he was not always capable," she said. Pfeiffer also liked to go shopping with his sister.

The Tagtmeyers once took Pfeiffer to visit Elvis' Graceland home.

"That meant so much to him," Randol said.

He also enjoyed concerts featuring a local Elvis impersonator, Todd Herendeen.

Even though he had every song Elvis possibly recorded, if Jerry found a CD with a different cover, he had to have it, Debbie Pfeiffer said.

Pfeiffer's favorite Presley song was "Hound Dog" according to Randol.

"We used to take Jerry to the Moose in Auburn to karaoke," she said, "but the only word you could hear him sing was 'dog.'"

Finding Elvis merchandise for Christmas gifts became harder each year, according to Debbie Pfeiffer.

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She found a woman who made an Elvis costume for Pfeiffer — a Las Vegas-type white jumpsuit, complete with a rhinestone eagle on the back.

"It was the hit of the season!" said Debbie Pfeiffer. Jerry Pfeiffer put it on right away and wore it to work a couple of times to show it off to his co-workers.

"Bowling and Elvis — that was his thing," according to Hand.

Pfeiffer was a good bowler and was very proud of the Elvis Presley bowling ball and matching carrying bag his family found for him on eBay. The family tried in vain to find him an Elvis bowling shirt.

Pfeiffer and fellow Alliance Industries workers bowled together every week. He also bowled in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters annual fundraiser and competed in the Special Olympics, earning several medals and trophies.

"He wanted to participate in all the activities (at Alliance Industries)," Hand said. He joined in the Relay for Life event and was a charter member of the Aktion Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

"Everybody liked Jerry — he was unforgettable. When he was upset about something, his ears would wiggle," Hand said. "Everyone could tell when he became upset — his ears got going!"

Pfeiffer could make his ears wiggle at will, to the delight of his niece and nephews.

He also loved to watch television — shows such as "I Love Lucy" and "In the Heat of the Night" were among his favorites, Randol said.

And he liked listening to music — all Elvis or songs from the 1960s.

"If anyone came to the house and he didn't know them, Jerry would get a big grin on his face, and we knew he would tell them all about Elvis," Randol said.

Pfeiffer also liked to ride his bike and would sit and watch the trains at the Garrett railroad crossing, she said.

He once got on a freight train and it began rolling down the tracks, according to Debbie Pfeiffer. Police stopped the train and threatened to take away his bicycle if he did it again.

Another time, he hitch-hiked to Auburn. Someone phoned his mother and asked if she knew her son was directing traffic in Auburn.

"He was very inquisitive — he had no fear," Debbie Pfeiffer said.

"Jerry didn't want for anything. He had a good life. That made it easier for the family," she said. "His family has all kinds of memories — that's something they will always have. He'll live on.

"Anyone who every knew Jerry will always remember Jerry," Debbie Pfeiffer said. "Once he touched your life, that was there forever."

Thomas Irvin

HUDSON — Thomas Eugene Irvin Jr. died Thursday, April 3, 2008, at his residence on McClish Lake, Hudson.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Harvey Rennecker

AUBURN — Harvey W. Rennecker, 95, of Auburn died Friday, April 4, 2008, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He was a carpenter and farmer before retiring in 1975.

He was born March 18, 1913, in DeKalb County. He married Eunice Harding on March 25, 1950, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Will Rennecker of Auburn and a brother-in-law and his wife, Robert and Wilma Harding of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Herman Rennecker, and three sisters, Jessie Platter, Gladys Hutton and Joyce Hutton.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Corunna Cemetery in Corunna.

Memorials are to The Billy Graham Evangelical Association or the Heffer Project International.

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Joanna Miller

LAGRANGE — Joanna Miller, 36, of LaGrange died Friday, April 4, 2008, as the result of a buggy-car accident.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of LaGrange County. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born on April 6, 1971, in LaGrange to Harvey and Lizzie Marie (Bontrager) Hochstetler. They both survive. On May 8, 1991, she married Wilbur E. Miller in LaGrange, where he survives.

Also surviving are seven sisters and four brothers-in-law, Marlene and Orva Herschberger of Shipshewana, Mary and Wilbur Herschberger of Topeka, Wilma Fern and Glen Miller, LaEtta and Joe Wingard, Rachel Hochstetler, Vera Sue Hochstetler and Esther Hochstetler, all of LaGrange; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ezra and Elsie Hochstetler of Topeka, LaMar and Loranna Hochstetler of Goshen, Freeman and LorAnna Hochstetler and Nelson Hochstetler, all of LaGrange.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at Christy Knepps' residence, 1275S C.R. 375W., with Bishop Dan Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 10 a.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence, 0710S C.R. 400W.

Online condolences may be sent at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Conard

Miss Conard

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie B. Conard, 95, of Kendallville died at 7:18 p.m. Friday, April 4, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She had resided at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for 10 years, and prior to that was a lifetime resident of Kendallville. She was a 1930 graduate of Kendallville High School, a 1932 graduate of Ball State Teachers College in Muncie with a two-year elementary education certification, and a 1957 graduate of Ball State with a bachelor's degree in education.

She was a member and past president of the Beta Chapter of Tri Kappa in Kendallville, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Area Teachers Association of Northeast Indiana and the Noble County Retired Teachers Association. While in high school, she played four years on the basketball and volleyball teams and was the girls' athletic editor for the yearbook. She was city tennis champion in 1930, city golf runner-up in 1936, received a life guard certificate in 1932 and swam across Bixler Lake the same year.

She also had been a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville since 1921, was a Sunday school teacher for 25 years, sang in the choir for 50 years, sang in a ladies trio for 50 years and was a longtime member of the church missionary guild.

Miss Conard was an elementary school teacher for first, second and third grades at Hudson for six years. She taught for a total of 44 years, teaching first grade and second grade at Wayne Center School for 28 years, first grade at Kendallville Central School for five years and first grade at North Side Elementary for five years.

She was born Sept. 22, 1912, in Kendallville to Clarence Everett and Wilberetta (Williams) Conard.

She was preceded in death by a brother, C. Sheldon Conard, and two sisters, Corinne Isabel Conard and Hilda Conard Kimmell.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a. m . at the Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Honorary pallbearers will be Duane Hanes, Suzanne Mustard-Coffman, Carl Root, Tom Aumsbaugh, Richard Garrison and Jack Mortimore. Active pallbearers will be Jack Frederick, Donald Skinner, Robert Haney, John Shank, John Heitz and Keith Nesbitt.

Calling will be at the funeral home on Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Sue Miller

GOSHEN — MarySue Miller, 71, of Goshen died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008, at her home following a year-long fight with breast cancer.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller moved to Goshen from Ligonier in 1969. She was owner and CEO of Tower Advertising Products Inc. in Topeka.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Goshen, Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen and River Wilderness Club in Parrish, Fla. She was a 1955 graduate of Ligonier High School and an avid golfer.

She was born Feb. 5, 1937, in South Haven, Mich., to Roy and Dena (Drost) Chatfield. She married Calvin E. Miller March 20, 1954, in Hartford City. He died July 25, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicki Maust of Elkhart; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig and Sonya Miller of Goshen, Bruce Miller of Las Vegas, Nev., and Scott and Michele Miller of Twinsburg, Ohio; six grandchildren, Amber Maust, Traci and Chris Vermilion, Tara Miller, Miles Miller, Kevin Miller and Jessica Miller; six great-grandchildren and a sister, Charla Fought of Topeka.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Goshen with Pastors Brenda and Ed Fritz officiating. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Goshen Care at Home Hospice or the First United Methodist Church of Goshen.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

James Rife

ANGOLA — James W. Rife, 32, of Angola died Friday, April 4, 2008, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital as the result of an auto accident.

He had worked at Gibson Heathing and Plumbing in Waterloo.

Mr. Rife enjoyed racing, boating, fishing and the outdoors.

He was born Jan. 3, 1976, in Wabash to Thomas and Linda (Crump) Rife. He married April (White) Rife on April 20, 2000. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are his mother and step-father, Linda Fay and Steve Carpenter of Angola; father and step-mother, Tom and Kris Rife of Bowling Green, Ohio; three sons, Dakota Rife of Ottoville, Ohio, and Preston and Jarod Rife at home in Angola; a stepdaughter, Courtney Cottrell, at home in Angola; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mabel and Roger White of Wapakoneta, Ohio; grandparents, Paul and Mabel Rife of Laketon and Gene Crump of Wabash; grandmother-in-law, Adala White of Wapakoneta, Ohio; a sister, Christie Rife of Cincinnati, Ohio; a step-sister, Ashley Walter of Wapakoneta, and three stepbrothers, Shawn Carpenter of Angola and Aaron and Andrew Walter of Wapakoneta.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Father Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be 12-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of April Rife.

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Mary Juillerat

ALBION — Mary Agnes Elizabeth "Grandma Mary" Juillerat, 85, of Albion died Friday, April 4, 2008, at 8:50 p.m. at her home. She had been in declining health for two years.

Mrs. Juillerat was a homemaker and worked in a defense plant during World War II.

Mrs. Juillerat

She was a member of the Albion Eagles, New Haven Navy Club and Fort Wayne VFW. Mrs. Juillerat was active in her children's activities.

She was born Sept. 22, 1922, in Van Wert, Ohio, to John and Mary (Beaker) Winhover. She married Ernest Juillerat on June 7, 1949, in Allen County. He died March 1, 1990.

Surviving are her companion, Phil Bixler of Albion; six daughters, Barbara Wilson, Gloria and Gerald Archbold, Marsha and Walter Williams, Marilyn and Bill Parker, Becky and Roger Coe and Pam and David Keller; a son, John and Nita Rinker; a brother, Paul "Tubb" Winhover; 31 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Auddry Kolkman, and a son, Willard Juillerat.

There are no services.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice or the Albion Food Pantry.

Send condolences online to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Irma Kohlmeyer

FORT WAYNE — Irma L. Kohlmeyer, 87, Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Kohlmeyer worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a lifelong member of Concordia Lutheran Church, serving in various capacities, and the Elex Club at G.E. She received many honorary awards for service from the Fort Wayne Lutheran Home. She enjoyed her flower gardens, reading and embroidery work. She was always there for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, including all of their special events.

She was born May 10, 1920, in Fort Wayne, to Emil and Olga (Hollman) Baatz. She married William Kohlmeyer on April 9, 1944. He died in 1984.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Kohlmeyer of Fort Wayne, and Garry and Judy Kohlmeyer of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and John Zulliger of Merrill, Wis.; six grandchildren and four spouses, Robert and Kelly Kohlmeyer, Carrington Kohlmeyer, Brittany Kohlmeyer, Mark and Marcy Zulliger, Todd and Heidi Zulliger, and Kimberly and Chad Cornelus; and six great-grandchildren; a sister, Leona Dohrman of Bradenton, Fla.; a brother, Herbert Baatz of Wall Lake.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Wilmer and Robert Baatz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Klaehn Fahl & Melton Winchester Chapel in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church and the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Jack Wilson

ANGOLA — Jack L. Wilson, 79, of Angola died Saturday, April 5, 2008.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Board won't punish deputies

Incident involved death of Avilla man

BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — "No disciplinary action is warranted" for two DeKalb County Police deputies who failed to rescue an Avilla man after a car crash, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Board said in a statement Monday.

A news release from the board said "... we have concluded that the DeKalb County Police deputies involved did not violate any policies or procedures of the department" in the case.

The Merit Board met Thursday night to hear a report on the incident, in which Duane Squire, 66, of Avilla died of hypothermia after his car veered off a road and became mired in a field east of Garrett on Feb. 18. Squire's autistic grandson survived a night inside the car in frigid temperatures before police found the car the next day.

Three police officers went to the crash scene along C.R. 48 in response to two 911 calls from passing drivers. The officers left without checking the car, believing a mistaken report that its driver had gone into the field to gather wood from a stand of trees.

In a report issued March 31, two independent investigators from the Allen County Sheriff's Department concluded there was "a failure of duty, to locate or verify the vehicle that was in the field, by all three responding officers."

The Merit Board holds authority over only two of the officers, DeKalb County Police Deputies Rick Short and Adam Friedel. The third officer involved was Garrett Police Officer

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Sam Smith.

In its news release, the Merit Board said it heard the independent report, listened to taped conversations and heard from persons involved in the investigation at Thursday's meeting.

Following the board's decision to take no disciplinary action, board member Mike Stafford wrote a news release Friday, then circulated it for approval by the other board members. He issued the release late Monday morning.

Other board members at the meeting were its president, Phil Conrad, Bill Walter and Pat Crow. Member Ron Dicke did not attend. DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis appoints three of the board's five members, and county police deputies choose the other two.

The sheriff said in a news release March 31 that the board would meet in a closed, executive session to review the Squire incident. However, when the board gathered Thursday, its members decided to meet in a public session. Reporters did not attend, because of the notice that the meeting would be closed.

"I'm not certain that we had a legal meeting last night because of that," Conrad said Friday. He said the board opened the meeting to allow other deputies in the sheriff's department to attend.

"I believe that every deputy that wasn't on duty was there," Conrad said.

Dennis defended his deputies in his March 31 news release.

"My goal is to ensure that an event similar to this never occurs again. I feel that additional training and written procedures will be forthcoming," he wrote. "There is no way that procedures can be written to cover every aspect of a law enforcement officer's duties."

Dennis added, "However, the fact is, my deputies did not lie, nor did they shirk their duties. Could they have handled this incident better? Most definitely! Did the officers purposely leave Mr. Squire there to die? Absolutely not!"

Dennis began his news release by saying that his thoughts and prayers go out the Squire family.

Two weeks after Squire's death, Dennis asked DeKalb County Commissioners to appoint an independent team to evaluate the actions of his officers. Commissioners chose Allen County Police officers Lt. Ron Rayl of internal affairs and Lt. Troy Hershberger of the Criminal Investigations Division. They delivered their report March 27.

The report said officers who went to the scene of Squire's crash "failed to relocate themselves, either in a vehicle or on foot, to a position of higher ground where visual observation would have provided a clear opportunity to see the entire field and the vehicle."

The report added, "If officers had obtained a clear view of the vehicle, they would have noticed the vehicle was approximately 136 yards south of the woods indicating that the car possibly was not in the field to cut wood."

The report concluded that command and patrol officers need "a greater awareness of the necessity and importance of following through with every action."

Michelle Welch

WOLCOTTVILLE — Michelle Welch, 39, of Wolcottville died Monday, April 7, 2008, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Doler Bevis

GARRETT — Doler E. "Cherokee" Bevis, 81, of Garrett died Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 1:03 a.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

He owned and operated Cherokee Construction until his retirement in 1988.

He was born Aug. 18, 1926, in Redlands, Calif., to Claude E. and Ruth J. (Pierce) Bevis.

A memorial service was held today at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Erma Hunter

AVILLA — Erma Hunter, 78, of Avilla died Monday, April 7, 2008, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

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Ruth Moshier

STURGIS, Mich. — Ruth Moshier, 64, of Sturgis died Friday, April 4, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Moshier

Mrs. Moshier had been a resident of Sturgis since 1974.

She was co-owner of Aqua Clear Inc. of Sturgis and a freelance writer for the Sturgis Journal. She had formerly been employed as a third-grade teacher and as a social worker in LaGrange and St. Joseph County, Mich.

She attended Bethany College in Bethany, W.Va., and graduated from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

Mrs. Moshier was a member of the Sturgis Newcomers Club and started its Arts and Crafts Fair in 1976. She was a former Girl Scout leader and a den mother.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and its choir, Sturgis Garden Club and Congress Parents. She enjoyed playing cards, writing, reading, doing crosswords and gardening.

She was born March 11, 1944, in Plainsville, Ohio, to Robert and Lucille (Fussner) Hollingsworth. Her father survives and her mother is deceased.

She married James Moshier on Sept. 3, 1966, in Pepper Pike, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, John and Jennifer Moshier of Shaker Heights, Ohio; two daughters, Sara and Jonathan Clark of Paris, Mich., and Anne and Jeremy Howard of Sturgis, Mich.; four grandchildren; and four brothers, Donald Hollingsworth, Dean and Madelyn Hollingsworth and Dale and Kathleen Hollingsworth, all of Willoughby, Ohio, and Richard Hollingsworth of Gainesville, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Sturgis with the Rev. Keith Treman and the Rev. Bob Keim officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Sturgis Young Auditorium in Sturgis.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Margaret Pfeiffer

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Mae Pfeiffer, 89, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 6, 2008, at 10:50 p.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. She had resided at the nursing home for 15 years.

Mrs. Pfeiffer

Mrs. Pfeiffer had lived in Kendallville since 1968. She had been a beautician since 1956, owning Margaret's Beauty Shop on Main Street and later moving it into her Lisle Street home.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville, the Mary Ruth Circle, Kendallville Elks Club, VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary, and the Kendallville American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary. She was a golfer and bowler, and belonged to the Berhalter Furniture Store Bowling League for many years.

She was born Aug. 22, 1918, in Ari to Charles and Jenny (Wappes) Neible. She married Bernard Pfeiffer on July 17, 1937, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on July 25, 1971.

Surviving are five grandchildren, Terri Pfeiffer, David Mark Pfeiffer, David Paul Pfeiffer, Mark Pfeiffer and Michelle Pfeiffer; two great-grandchildren, Payton Pfeiffer and Ethan Pfeiffer; and six half sisters.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Jack Pfeiffer and David Pfeiffer; a brother, John Neible; and her stepmother, Georgia Neible.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastors Thomas Clothier and Robert Farmer of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, 110 W. Waits Road, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Jack Wilson

ANGOLA — Jack L. Wilson, 79, of Angola died Saturday, April 5, 2008, at the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Wilson was a tool maker. He retired from Kennedy Manufacturing in Van Wert, Ohio, after 42 years.

He was veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army, serving in Korea. He was a lifetime member of the Van Wert American Legion and VFW Posts, as well as a member of the Angola Elks Lodge.

He was born March 24, 1929, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Omer and Jenne (Rodgers) Wilson. He married Wilma Hamrick on March 10, 1952. She survives in Angola.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Jacqueline Clifford and Bill Cox of Mendon, Ohio, and Theresa and Scott Werner of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tracy and Mona Wilson of Angola and Jeff Wilson of Ohio City, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, Donnie Kitson, Shaune Lameier, Brianne Clifford, Abby Diller, Savannah Werner, Chad Baker, Chris Wilson, T.J. Clifford, Bailey Werner, Jenna Wilson and Zach Wilson; five great-grandchildren, Chandler and Payton Lameier, Symantha Rosenbergen, Olivia Clifford, and D.J. Kitson; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gene and Jeannie Wilson of Van Wert, and Rodger and Wynne Wilson of Van Wert.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Madonna Wilson, Maxine Tarlton and Ethelyn Friesner, as well as a grandson, John Jeffrey Wilson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory in Van Wert, with the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert, with military graveside service by the Van Wert American Legion and VFW Posts.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association or the Alzheimer's Research Foundation.

Karen Mullins

ALBION — Karen Sue Mullins, 35, of Albion died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Miss Mullins was a homemaker.

She had been employed at Fairmount Homes as a housekeeper.

She was a 1990 graduate of LaPorte High School.

She was born July 15, 1972, in LaPorte to John and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Mullins. They survive.

Also surviving are four sons, Joshua Mullins of Kingsford Heights, and Kyle Manning, Zach Applegate and Cody Applegate, all of Albany; four sisters, Vonda Hoke, Joyce Mullins and Kandye Mullins, all of LaPorte, and Crystal Mullins of Union Mills; grandparents, Seldon and Martha Armstrong of Kingsford Heights; her fiance, Shawn Applegate; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Carlos and Mamie Mullins, and an aunt, Carol Huffman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Essling Funeral Home in LaPorte with the Rev. Ellis Martin officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

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Michael Immel

BUTLER — Michael A. Immel, 48, of Butler died Saturday, April 5, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Immel was a member of American Legion Post 202 at Butler and the Teamsters Union. He worked at Tri Wall in Butler for 28 years and was a union steward there.

He was born March 7, 1960, in Auburn to the Rev. Clair Immel and Ellen (Hamman) Immel. His father survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Marsha Immel of Auburn and Lisa and Marc Smith of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Jessie Latta of Fort Wayne; two nieces, Nicole Immel and Brittany Smith; and four nephews, Codey Greuter, Derek Greuter, Seth Smith and Marshall Latta.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly wil officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Beverly Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Beverly M. Miller, 73, of Middlebury died Sunday, April 6, 2008, at Elkhart Hospital where she had been a patient four days.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker.

She had moved to Middlebury 13 years ago from Goshen.

She was born Nov. 24, 1934, in New Orleans, La., to Joseph DeLas and Harcyna Garcia. She married Harold Miller on June 30, 1951, in New Orleans. He survives.

Surviving are two daughters, Hercyna Rodgers and Dawn Miller, both of Middlebury; two sons, Glenn of Middlebury; a son-in-law, Daniel Staley of Middlebury; five stepgrandchildren; and two sisters, Murline Seuebe of Chalmette, La., and Penny Verret of Picayune, Miss.

There are no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Thomas Irvin

MCCLISH LAKE — Thomas Eugene Irvin Jr., 86, died Thursday, April 3, 2008, at his home on McClish Lake in rural Hudson.

Mr. Irvin retired from Renner Trucking of Fort Wayne in 1982 after 32 years of service.

Following his retirement, he worked at Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville as a lifeguard and desk clerk.

He graduated in 1940 from Lancaster Central High School.

He was born in Lancaster Township, Ind., on March 7, 1922, to Thomas Sr. and Thelma (Crowl) Irvin.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Paul Orlow of Franklin, N.C.; four grandsons and their spouses, Daniel and Cindy Newsom of Fishers; Benjamin and Lindsay Newsom of Galax, Va., Andrew and Elizabeth Newsom of Atlanta, Ga., and Aaron and Christie Newsom of Lawrenceville, Ga.; two great-granddaughters, Julia and Jessica Newsom; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lynn and George Lautzenheiser of Bluffton; and a nephew, Tim and Andrea Lautzenheiser of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Tom Irvin III, who died Feb. 27, 2008.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar officiating.

Memorials are to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Association.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Family wants officers held accountable for death

AVILLA — The family of an Avilla man who died of hypothermia after his car ran off the road in rural DeKalb County says police should be held responsible.

Thursday, the DeKalb County Merit Board decided not to punish anyone — despite an investigation that said the officers' decision cost a man his life.

Duane Squire

In February, officers found 66-year-old Duane Squire dead nearly a day after his car went far off a road east of Garrett into a field. His grandson was found with him, suffering from hypothermia.

On Tuesday, Duane's wife, Julie, and their son, Tim, shared feeling of frustration and disappointment with The News-Sun's partner in news, WANE NewsChannel 15.

"My mother has been through a great deal with the whole investigation," Tim Squire said. "We feel that we've been left in the dark in many things."

Even after the outside investigation by the Allen County Sheriff's Department into the circumstances surrounding Squire's death, his family said many questions haven't been answered.

They feel officers who called off the search for Duane Squire after his car veered off the road should be held accountable.

"There should be some kind of punishment, maybe not lose their jobs, but there should be something. If I was to do something like this at work, I'd be punished," Tim Squire said.

Two 911 calls reported seeing Squire's car enter the field that day.

Officers responded, but left not long after because a car seen in the field near a woods was believed to be a vehicle being used by a person chopping wood and not the vehicle seen going off the road.

Julie Squire said that mistake cost her husband his life.

"They should have checked the woods. They should have checked the permit. They should have gone back there. He'd be alive right now," she said.

Instead the family is left to deal with a lifetime of questions and wondering what could have been if things were handled differently.

"I would say the best closure for the family would be to find the individuals that were responsible to the 911 calls, to be disciplined accordingly," Tim Squire said.

The family won't comment on whether they're pursuing legal action against the department.

DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis declined an interview about the merit board's findings, but said the department is working on implementing new procedures for how officers respond to 911 calls in the future.

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Erma Hunter

AVILLA — Erma Hunter, 78, of Avilla and formerly of Kendallville died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had resided there for five years.

Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Hunter had worked as a grocery store cashier and at Miller's Restaurant in Kendallville.

She was born July 25, 1929, in Knott County, Ky., to Will and Pearlie (Handshoe) Conley. She married James "Lee" Hunter on Sept. 9, 1972, in Wolcottville. He died Sept. 14, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and John Campbell of Corunna; a stepson, Gary Hunter of Springfield, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Barbara Johnson of Michigan; a grandson, Darren Lee Slone of Stroh; seven stepgrandchildren; a brother, Lotchie Conley of Wolcottville; a niece and caregiver, Carol McDaniels of Kendallville; and several other nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Thalheimer

LAGRANGE — Mary E. Thalheimer, 56, of LaGrange died Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at her daughter's residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Thalheimer was a lifetime LaGrange resident and a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 8, 1952, in LaGrange to Ora F. Sr. and Dora L. (Waters) Grate. She married Robert Thalheimer on Jan. 10, 1981, in LaGrange. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Erik McCall of Goshen and Crystal and Paul Price of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Rachel Miller of White Cloud, Mich., and John and Crystal Miller of Sturgis, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Lori Lynn Slauf and Kristin Peterson, both of Elkhart; eight grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Viola Lee and James Davidson of Wabash and Shirley Hoover of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Ora F. Grate Jr. and William Grate.

Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Paul Feipel

ADAMS LAKE — Paul Alan Feipel, 44, of Adams Lake near Wolcottville died today, Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at his home following a short illness.

Mr. Feipel

Mr. Feipel had been employed with Essex Wire in Kendallville for about nine years.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and the men's auxiliary of the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mr. Feipel was a NASCAR fan and especially driver Jeff Gordon. He also enjoyed IU basketball, fishing, cooking and computers.

He was born on April 9, 1964, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Florence "Pat" Feipel.

Surviving are his mother of Adams Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Pricey Feipel of Rome City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Brenda and Eric Carbone of Wolcottville and Lisa and Troy Wilson of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Feipel on April 1, 1998; and a sister, Debra Feipel in 1968.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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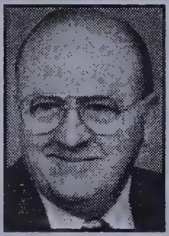
James Martin

COLUMBIA CITY — James L. Martin, 73, of rural Columbia City died at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at his home.

He had moved to Columbia City in 1997 from Green Township in Noble County where he had resided for 24 years.


Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin farmed for many years and had been employed as a senior electrical engineer with General Telephone in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1990 after 26 years of service. In 1987 he was awarded a U.S. patent for telephone equipment.

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM. He enjoyed traveling by motor home and camping. He also enjoyed fishing, playing cards and spending time with his grandsons.

Mr. Martin spent his formative years in Huntington and graduated from Huntington High School in 1953. He served with the U.S. Air Force in various parts of the continental United States.

He was born Jan. 14, 1935, in North Manchester to Joe and Ruth (Barker) Martin. He married Nina King on Dec. 11, 1953, in Andrews. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Teresa Martin of Churubusco, and two grandsons, Bryan Martin and Bradley Martin.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Andrew Martin on Nov. 12, 1994.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Servia.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Send condolences to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

Jack Nicole

SEBRING, Fla. — Jack C. Nicole, 79, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Angola, died Sunday, April 6, 2008, at Florida Hospital in Sebring.

Mr. Nicole

Mr. Nicole was a foreman for Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 166, retiring in 1989.

He was a member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born April 11, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Louis and Naomi (Larson) Nicole. He was married to Norma D. Nicole. She died on July 8, 1992.

He is survived by three sons, Charles Nicole of Fort Wayne, Fred Nicole of Sebring, and Jack Nicole II of Montgomery, Mich.; a daughter, Evelyn Thomas of Fort Wayne; a brother, Louis Nicole Jr. of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are private. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Russell Spice

AUBURN — Russell A. Spice, 85, of Auburn died Monday, April 7, 2008, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Spice served as executive vice president of Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Co. in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1985. He was a director of Peoples Bancorp from 1974 to 2007 and served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He was a golfer.

He was born Jan. 9, 1923, in Charlotte, Mich., to Charles H. and Lydia H. (Chatfield) Spice.

He married Garnet (Pfister) Spice on Nov. 3, 1956, in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Michelle Welch

WOLCOTTVILLE — Michelle Renee "Shelly" (Conley) Welch, 39, of Wolcottville died after a brief illness on Monday, April 7, 2008, at her residence.

Ms. Welch

Ms. Welch had lived in the Rome City area most of her life. She had made her home with Bill Tyler for the past 12 years.

She was born April 7, 1969, in LaGrange to Dana McClean and Charlotte Conley.

Surviving are her mother, Charlotte Conley-Lewis of LaGrange; her father, Dana McClean; a daughter, LaKiesha Gilson, at home; two sons, Kenzie Welch and Casey Joe Welch, both at home; three brothers, Andy Conley of Wolcottville, Randy Heltzer of LaGrange and Dallas Riley of Kentucky; her maternal grandmother, Virginia Conley of Wolcottville; three uncles, Bill Conley, Rusty Conley and Dick Conley; and an aunt, Janie Tucker.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ontario Congregational Church, 4160 N. C.R. 225E, Ontario, with Pastor Dale Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Calling will be after noon Thursday at the church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 9, 2008, Wednesday

Mary Agnes Elizabeth Juillerat, 85

Mary Agnes Elizabeth Juillerat "Grandma Mary", 85, of Albion, died Friday, April 4, 2008 at 8:50 PM at her home in Albion. She had been in declining health for 2 years.

She was born September 22, 1922 in Van Wert, Ohio to John and Mary (Beaker) Winhover. She was a homemker and worked in the defense plant during the War. She was a member of the Albion Eagles, New Haven Navy Club and Fort Wayne VFW. Grandma Mary was a devoted wife and loving mother, was very active in her children's events and was loved by all.

On June 7, 1949 she married Ernest Juillerat in Allen County. He died on March 1, 1990.

Surviving are a companion, Phil Bixler, of Albion; daughters, Barbara Wilson, Gloria (Gerald) Archbold, Marsha (Walter) Williams, Marilyn (Bill) Parker, Becky (Roger) Coe, Pam (David) Keller; son, John (Nita) Rinker; brother, Paul "Tubb" Winhover; thirty-one grandchildren, sixty-five great grandchildren, and twenty-one great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a daughter, Auddry Kolkman, and a son, Willard Juillerat.

There will be no funeral service.

Memorials to Parkview Hospice or Albion Food Pantry.

Send condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Karen Sue Mullins, 35

ALBION — Karen Sue Mullins, 35, of Albion died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Miss Mullins was a homemaker.

She had been employed at Fairmount Homes as a housekeeper.

She was a 1990 graduate of LaPorte High School.

She was born July 15, 1972, in LaPorte to John and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Mullins. They survive.

Also surviving are four sons, Joshua Mullins of Kingsford Heights, and Kyle Manning, Zach Applegate and Cody Applegate, all of Albion; four sisters, Vonda Hoke, Joyce Mullins and Kandye Mullins, all of LaPorte, and Crystal Mullins of Union Mills; grandparents, Seldon and Martha Armstrong of Kingsford Heights; her fiance, Shawn Applegate; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Carlos and Mamie Mullins, and an aunt, Carol Huffman.

Services were at Essling Funeral Home in LaPorte with the Rev. Ellis Martin officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Erma Hunter, 78

AVILLA — Erma Hunter, 78, of Avilla died Monday, April 7, 2008, in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Paul Gangwer, 80

LAGRANGE — Paul L. Gangwer, 80, of LaGrange died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gangwer was a lifetime area resident. He had been an auto technician at Burnworth Zollars in Ligonier and retired from there after 15 years of service.

He was an Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange.

Mr. Gangwer was known as a family man. He loved cars, fishing and NASCAR.

He was born June 18, 1927, in Noble County to Edward and Wilma (Stoner) Gangwer. He married Berneta Price on May 29, 1948, in New Haven. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and his wife, Ken and Kathy Gangwer of Ligonier, two grandchildren, Mandy and Matthew Gangwer; three sisters, Mildred Klemm of Elkhart, Margaret and Lejuene Morrison of Wolcottville and Rosalie and John Rosenogle of Wawaka; and special friends, Mary and Bill Burkhead of LaGrange.

He is preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Lois Wert, Vada Vaughn, Grace Honeywell and Dorothy Deck; and three brothers, Donald, Dean and William Gangwer.

Services were held April 4, 2008 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier.

Burial took place at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers were David Barhydt, Douglas Barhydt, Deliane Barhydt, Tony Fisher, Wayne Reed and Matthew Gangwer.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 9, 2008, Wednesday

Richard Schlotter, 70

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Godfrey Schlotter, 70, of Kendallville died Friday, April 4, 2008, at his residence.

He graduated in 1956 from White's Institute in Wabash where he played football and ran track. He was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after more than 40 years of employment.

He liked fishing, hunting and bird watching, and he was interested in the outdoors.

Mr. Schlotter was a local Boy Scout Troop 103 leader in the 1970s, and a member of Ducks Unlimited. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge. He was a Notre Dame fan and was a coin collector.

On Dec. 21, 1937, in Avilla, he was born to Godfrey Benedict and Leah Laverne (Harriger) Schlotter.

Surviving are his former wife and lifelong friend Tilda Mae Schlotter of Waldron Lake, Wawaka; a daughter, Evon Marie Schlotter of Lockport, Ill.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy James and Mary-Catherine Manuel Schlotter, and Ken Schlotter, all of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Timothy Jay, Alyxandra Marie, Jeremey, Zachary and Antoinette Schlotter, and Yvonne Simmons; a great-grandson, Nathanial James Schlotter; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles "Jedd" and Judy Schlotter of Choctaw, Okla.; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon and Charles Laws and Rebecca Wert, all of Avilla, and Cheryl Miller of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Richard Godfrey Schlotter who died in May 1998; and a brother, Robert Schlotter.

Services were April 7, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Father Lourdino Fernandes officiated. Burial took place at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carol Sutton, 61

WESTLER LAKE — Carol A. Sutton, 61, of Westler Lake near Wolcottville died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at her home with her family by her side following a three-year battle against cancer.

Mrs. Sutton had been a quality control supervisor at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for 42 years.

She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

Mrs. Sutton enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was born in Virgie, Ky., on March 13, 1947, to Harold and Ida Mae (Newsome) Reynolds. She married Danny R. Sutton on June 29, 1985, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jami and Trevor Pyle of Albion and Robinn and Tyler Mitchell of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Chelsea Pyle, Andrew Pyle and Coby Mitchell; a brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Sally Reynolds of David, Ky.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Bonnie and Calvin Martin of Columbus and Jean and Adrian Slone of Rockwood, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Reynolds.

Services were held April 5, 2008 at Five Corners Baptist Church. The Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiated. Burial took place at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Memorials are to Five Corners Baptist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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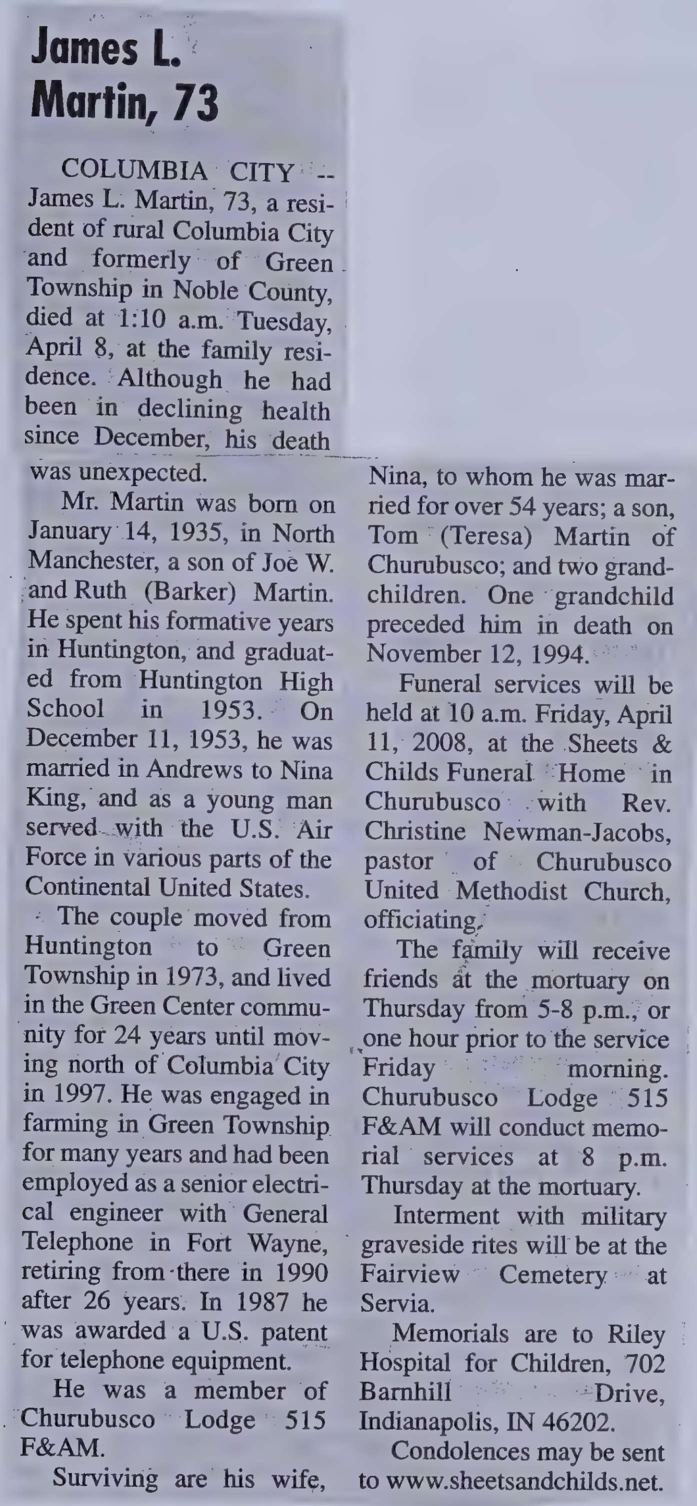
Albion, IN
April 9, 2008, Wednesday



James L. Martin, 73

COLUMBIA CITY -- James L. Martin, 73, a resident of rural Columbia City and formerly of Green Township in Noble County, died at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, at the family residence. Although he had been in declining health since December, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Martin was born on January 14, 1935, in North Manchester, a son of Joe W. and Ruth (Barker) Martin. He spent his formative years in Huntington, and graduated from Huntington High School in 1953. On December 11, 1953, he was married in Andrews to Nina King, and as a young man served with the U.S. Air Force in various parts of the Continental United States.

The couple moved from Huntington to Green Township in 1973, and lived in the Green Center community for 24 years until moving north of Columbia City in 1997. He was engaged in farming in Green Township for many years and had been employed as a senior electrical engineer with General Telephone in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1990 after 26 years. In 1987 he was awarded a U.S. patent for telephone equipment.

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM.

Surviving are his wife, Nina, to whom he was married for over 54 years; a son, Tom (Teresa) Martin of Churubusco; and two grandchildren. One grandchild preceded him in death on November 12, 1994.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 11, 2008, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary on Thursday from 5-8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Friday morning. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.

Interment with military graveside rites will be at the Fairview Cemetery at Servia.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 10, 2008, Thursday

Richard Strayer

LAGRANGE — Richard A. Strayer, 70, of LaGrange died Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Strayer was a retired farmer.

Mr. Strayer

He had served as a LaGrange County commissioner from 2001-2004.

Mr. Strayer was a member of Plato United Methodist Church in LaGrange, the LaGrange County Farm Bureau where he was president for 20 years, and Gideon's International.

He was born on Nov. 19, 1937, in Kendallville to Clarence L. and Rose (Kitchen) Strayer. He married Sharon D. Mellinger in LaGrange on Sept. 28, 1957. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are his mother, Rose Strayer of LaGrange; five daughters and sons-in-laws, Terry and Jeff Bridgham of Lafayette, Brenda and Norm Hartman of Auburn and Becky and Tad Oakley, Kelly and Dennis Wenzel and Connie and Kevin Brower, all of LaGrange; a son, Tom and Claire Strayer of McCordsville; 14 grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Shirley and Al Leazenby of Mexico, Ind., Nancy Blackmore of Pueblo, Colo., and Judy and Howard Laflin of Howe; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Shirley Strayer and Ron and Sue Strayer, all of LaGrange, and Don and Marti Strayer of Tampa, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clarence Strayer, and a brother, Jerry Strayer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Revs. Russell Hepler and Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Gideon's International or Plato United Methodist Church.

Send condolences to fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Florence Shigley

HOWE — Florence Burgi Shigley, 86, of Howe died Friday, April 4, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange in LaGrange.

Mrs. Shigley had retired after serving as a receptionist for Dr. Taylor in Howe and Dr. Dettman in Sturgis, Mich.

Mrs. Shigley

She was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

Mrs. Shigley had attended Brighton Chapel in Brighton.

She was born on Oct. 16, 1921, in Shipshewana to Emanuel and Emma (Weirich) Howard. She married Ralph N. Burgi in Kalamazoo, Mich., on July 2, 1939. He preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 1994. She then married Robert E. Shigley on Oct. 7, 1995, in Brighton. He preceded her in death on Nov. 22, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marietta and Ralph Abston of Howe and Martha and Gary Rausch of Auburndale, Fla., a son and daughter-in-law, Martin and Barbara Burgi of Howe; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Trella VonOlnhausen of Howe; and a brother, Lester Howard of Laurinburg, N.C.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Stephen Kinel in 1965.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton with Pastor Jeremy Helmuth and the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

Send condolences to fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Eva Polly

WOLCOTTVILLE — Eva Polly of Wolcottville died Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 10, 2008, Thursday

James Campbell

HAMILTON — James R. Campbell, 76, of Hamilton died Tuesday, April 10, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Campbell was the owner of Thriftco Graphics in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran, serving in the Indiana National Guard for eight years.

Mr. Campbell

He joined Alvarado United Methodist Church in 1953, and served as a lay leader, Sunday school superintendent, administrative board chairman, teacher and youth leader. He was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge No. 231 and Hamilton Masonic Lodge No. 701, where he had served as master, as well as Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne. He loved basketball, he played in high school and enjoyed watching his grandchildren play in high school and college. He graduated from Metz High School in 1950.

He was born Oct. 4, 1931, in Richland Township to Hugh and Sylvia (Richardson) Campbell. He married Helen Brooks on June 30, 1951. She survives in Hamilton.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Linda Campbell of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Don France of Heritage Lake and Kristy and Don Richardson of Hamilton; a brother, John Campbell of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Jessie Dove of Ashley and Phyllis Horn of Maryville, Tenn.; six grandchildren and three spouses, Joshua and Shonna Emerick, Travis and Dana Emerick, Christopher Campbell, Thad Richardson, Tanya and Matt Ellison, and Caitlin Richardson; two great-grandchildren, Ryan and Zoe Ellison; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Donnie and Katie Drake.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Nichalas Emerick; three brothers, Donnell, Robert and William Campbell; and two sisters, Louise Seiple and Margaret Hagerty.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Donna Holcomb officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alvarado United Methodist Church and Hospice of DeKalb County.

Wayne Scattergood

AUBURN — Wayne F. Scattergood, 77, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Scattergood was a dairy and grain farmer. He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1948. He was a member of Zion 16 Lutheran Church and the DeKalb County Farm Mutual Board.

He was born Sept. 11, 1930, in DeKalb County to Karl and Hazel Scattergood.

He married JoAnne Hartman on Feb. 12, 1950, at Zion 16 Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Cindy Scattergood and Leabeth and Barry Smith, all of Auburn; one son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Rena Scattergood of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Amy and Chris Dooley of Temple, Texas, Sara Smith of College Station, Texas, Jason and Heather Scattergood of Kendallville, and Karl Scattergood of Auburn; a great-grandson, Kyle Dooley of Temple, Texas; and two stepgreat-grandsons, Noah Renfrow and Dawson Howey, both of Kendallville.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. John Stuck officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be Friday from 3-8 p.m. and Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion 16 Lutheran Church, 2849 C.R. 17, Corunna.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 10, 2008, Thursday

Richard Goings

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Richard Eugene Goings, 79, of Springfield, Ohio, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, April 6, 2008, in Springfield Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Goings was a veteran of the United States Navy stationed in the Philippines and retired from Howard Sobers Trucking following 25 years of service.

Mr. Goings

He was a member of Eagles Lodge 2455 in Albion, Albion American Legion Post 246 and the Springfield VFW.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1928, in Fort Wayne to George and Irene (Hosack) Goings.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Simona (Harber) Goings of Springfield; two sons and daughter-in-law, Michael and Gloria Goings of Albion and Thomas Yoquelet of Monroeville; three daughters, Mickie, Teri and Linda; a granddaughter, Amy Allen; two great-grandsons; four stepdaughters including Judy Sherman of Fort Wayne and Patricia Beck of Charlotte, N.C.; three stepsons including Steven Fromm of Tennessee; several stepgrandchildren; a sister, Marjorie Luce; and a brother, Jack Goings of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn, and his parents.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 2-6 p.m. Friday at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2455, 111 W. Hazel St., Albion.

Littleton & Rue Funeral Home & Crematory in Springfield, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Langley

WAYLAND, Mich. — Dorothy (DeGraw) Langley, 85, of Byron Township and formerly of Wayland died Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

Mrs. Langley had worked many years for Strain Electric Co. She enjoyed nature and was a volunteer at Blandford Nature Center.

She was a longtime member of Wayland United Methodist Church, the Wayland Ladies Library Club and an Extension homemaker's club.

Mrs. Langley also was interested in genealogy.

She was a 1940 graduate of Salem Center High School and had attended Tri-State College.

She was born May 19, 1922, in Springfield, Ohio, to Brown and Lena (Conklin) DeGraw. She married Frank Langley in 1942. He died in 1992.

Surviving are her children, Brenda and Bob Sinke, James Langley and Rebecca and Timothy Blossom; a daughter-in-law, Monica Langley; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Sunde; a sister-in-law, Shirley Langley; a brother-in-law, Fred Langley; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry in 1999; a brother, Frank DeGraw; and a sister, Louise Parr.

Services were Monday at Wayland United Methodist Church with Pastor Nancy Zerban officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Wayland Township.

Memorials are to Wayland United Methodist Church.

Archer, Hampel & Kubiak Funeral Home in Wayland was in charge of arrangements.

Genevieve Bixby

HUNTINGTON — Genevieve C. (Cosselman) Bixby, 92, of Huntington died Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at Heritage of Huntington. She had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for 20 years.

Mrs. Bixby had previously lived in Avilla, Kendallville, Fort Wayne, Greer, S.C., Stone Mountain, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.

She had been the co-owner of several motels and had been a homemaker.

Mrs. Bixby was a 1933 graduate of Ann Arbor High School in Ann Arbor, Mich.

She was born May 7, 1915, in Genesse City, Mich., to John and Alta (McComber) Cosselman. She married Garth Bixby on June 17, 1933, in Ann Arbor. He died July 24, 1996.

Surviving are a son, Thomas and Carol Bixby of Huntington; a daughter, Sandra and Bobby Mitchell of Huntington; two sisters, Mabel Stone of Lancaster, Mich., and Ruth Wilson of Flint, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Effie Helmer.

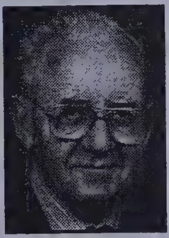
Services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be sent to baileylove.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April10, 2008, Thursday

John Eash


Mr. Eash

TOPEKA — John H. Eash, 91, of Topeka died at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past year.

Mr. Eash was a farmer and had driven a school bus.

He was a 60-year member of the Townline Mennonite Church where he had held several positions.

Mr. Eash enjoyed traveling and playing the accordion. He and his wife wintered in Florida for several years.

He was born Dec. 5, 1916, in LaGrange County to Harvey and Mary (Troyer) Eash. He married Edna Lambright on Nov. 2, 1941, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Carolyn and Steve Overholt of Topeka and Rosie Eash of Elkhart; three sons, Wayne and Marilyn Eash of Ligonier, Glen and Ingrid Eash of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Ken and Linda Eash of Churubusco; 17 grandchildren; a stepgranddaughter; 15 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Wilma and Mahlon Miller of Shipshewana, Mary and Joe Miller Jr. and Katie and Elmer Bontrager, all of Goshen, and Letti and William Bontrager and Anna and Ralph Schrock, all of LaGrange; and a brother, Mervin Eash of Shipshewana.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Raymond, Freeman, Harvey Jr., Allen and Ervin Eash; four sisters, Edna Lehman, Verna Bontrager, Elizabeth Eash and Alice Eash; and a stepgranddaughter.

Services were Monday at Townline Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Mel Eash and the Rev. Menno Mullet officiating. Burial was in the Townline Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Memorials are to Parkview LaGrange Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Carol Sutton

Mrs. Sutton

WESTLER LAKE — Carol A. Sutton, 61, of Westler Lake near Wolcottville died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at her home with her family by her side following a three-year battle against cancer.

Mrs. Sutton had been a quality control supervisor at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for 42 years.

She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

Mrs. Sutton enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was born in Virgie, Ky., on March 13, 1947, to Harold and Ida Mae (Newsome) Reynolds. She married Danny R. Sutton on June 29, 1985, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jami and Trevor Pyle of Albion and Robinn and Tyler Mitchell of Wolcottville; three grandchildren, Chelsea Pyle, Andrew Pyle and Coby Mitchell; a brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Sally Reynolds of David, Ky.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Bonnie and Calvin Martin of Columbus and Jean and Adrian Slone of Rockwood, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles Reynolds.

Services were Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Combs and the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiating. Burial was at South Milford Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville handled arrangements.

Memorials are to Five Corners Baptist Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April10, 2008, Thursday

MarySue Miller

GOSHEN — MarySue Miller, 71, of Goshen died at 11:35 a.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008, at her home following a year-long fight with breast cancer.

Mrs. Miller moved to Goshen from Ligonier in 1969. She was owner and CEO of Tower Advertising Products Inc. in Topeka.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Goshen, Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen and River Wilderness Club in Parrish, Fla. She was a 1955 graduate of Ligonier High School and an avid golfer.

She was born Feb. 5, 1937, in South Haven, Mich., to Roy and Dena (Drost) Chatfield. She married Calvin E. Miller March 20, 1954, in Hartford City. He died July 25, 1999.

Surviving are one daughter, Vicki Maust of Elkhart; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig and Sonya Miller of Goshen, Bruce Miller of Las Vegas, Nev., and Scott and Michele Miller of Twinsburg, Ohio; six grandchildren, Amber Maust, Traci and Chris Vermilion, Tara Miller, Miles Miller, Kevin Miller and Jessica Miller; six great-grandchildren and one sister, Charla Fought of Topeka.

Mrs. Miller

Services were Wednesday at First United Methodist Church in Goshen with Pastors Brenda and Ed Fritz officiating. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Memorials are to Goshen Care at Home Hospice or the First United Methodist Church of Goshen.

Condolences may be sent to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Helen Barger

GARRETT — Helen M. Barger, 76, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a lifetime Garrett resident. She worked for Bauman and Harnish in Garrett, retiring in 1994 with 28 years of service.

She was a member and greeter at First Baptist Church of Garrett and a member of Garrett Eagles Auxiliary and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

She was born May 31, 1931, in DeKalb County to Arthur N. and Lucy F. (Beard) Newcomer.

Mrs. Barger

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Keith Potter, Patsy and Garry Thornsbearry Sr. and Lori and Rick Hatton, all of Garrett; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Barb Barger, and Terry and Carol Barger, all of Garrett; seven brothers, Richard Newcomer of Auburn, Jerry Newcomer of Kendallville, Lyle Newcomer of Ligonier, Charles Newcomer of Wisconsin, Dean Newcomer and Max Newcomer, both of Idaho, and Dale Newcomer of California; a sister, Doris Kees of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timmy Barger, and a great-granddaughter.

Services were Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Garrett with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial was in Embrey Cemetery, Garrett.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett handled arrangements.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church or RSVP.

To send a condolence or sign a guestbook, go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April10, 2008, Thursday

Richard Schlotter

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Godfrey Schlotter, 70, of Kendallville died Friday, April 4, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Schlotter

He graduated in 1956 from White's Institute in Wabash where he played football and ran track. He was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville after more than 40 years of employment.

He liked fishing, hunting and bird watching, and he was interested in the outdoors.

Mr. Schlotter was a local Boy Scout Troop 103 leader in the 1970s, and a member of Ducks Unlimited. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge. He was a Notre Dame fan and was a coin collector.

On Dec. 21, 1937, in Avilla, he was born to Godfrey Benedict and Leah Laverne (Harriger) Schlotter.

Surviving are his former wife and lifelong friend Tilda Mae Schlotter of Waldron Lake, Wawaka; a daughter, Evon Marie Schlotter of Lockport, Ill.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy James and Mary-Catherine Manuel Schlotter, and Ken Schlotter, all of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Timothy Jay, Alyxandra Marie, Jeremey, Zachary and Antoinette Schlotter, and Yvonne Simmons; a great-grandson, Nathanial James Schlotter; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles "Jedd" and Judy Schlotter of Choctaw, Okla.; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon and Charles Laws and Rebecca Wert, all of Avilla, and Cheryl Miller of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Richard Godfrey Schlotter who died in May 1998; and a brother, Robert Schlotter.

Services were Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Quentin Jones

CROMWELL — Quentin Gabriel Jones, 30, of Cromwell died at 4:51 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2008, in Warsaw.

He was a lifetime area resident, and previously attended Wawasee High School.

On June 19, 1977, he was born in Goshen to Michael and Martha (Chavez) Jones.

Surviving are his parents; a son, Chase Jones of Cromwell; a daughter, Melodie Jones of Cromwell; two sisters, Jocelyn Jones of Warsaw, and Joetta Christen of Fort Wayne; and grandparents, Lester and Lillian Jones of LaGrange, and Theodosia Chavez of Ligonier.

A grandparent, Andrew Chavez, preceded him in death.

Services were Tuesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial was in McClintic Cemetery, Syracuse.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

Send condolences to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Eva Polly

WOLCOTTVILLE — Eva Polly, 68, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, April 9, 2008, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after a sudden illness.

Mrs. Polly retired from Superior Samples in Ligonier. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and hunting mushrooms.

Mrs. Polly

She was born Dec. 5, 1939, in Briathitt, Ky., to Curtis and Lillie (McDaniels) Noble. She married Joe "Buster" Polly on June 24, 1961. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Mona Polly of Lawrenceburg, Roger and Judy Polly of Middlebury and Roedonald and Shellie Polly of Kendallville; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Rick Shafer of LaGrange, Rebecca and Carlos Sparkman of Garrett and Renita and Rich Bucholtz of Jones, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lawton and Gail Noble of Vest, Ky., and Tommy and Letha Noble of Ogden, Ky.; and four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Francis Keith and Betty and Bradley Amburgey, all of Ocala, Fla., and Patricia and Russ Moberly and Jessie and Tom Watts, all of Carrie, Ky.

She was preceded also in death by a daughter, Linda Noble, and a brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Doug Stewart, Dan Calhoun, Gary Masters, Eric Lower, Derek Lower, Mark Webster, Eric Reisdorf and Josh Gerzmehle.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, is in charge of arrangements.

View a video tribute or send condolences to youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Sarah Lung

GARRETT — A memorial service for Sarah I. "Izzy" Lung, 81, of Garrett will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Pastor Jim Lilley will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling wil be Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Lung died March 19, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Wyatt's Hardware and then at Essex Wire until her retirement in 1972. She was a member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born May 26, 1926, in North Judson to Harry W. and Octava (Geyer) Kelley.

She married Lawrence H. "Pete" Lung on May 18, 1946. He died Nov. 22, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Richard Muzzillo of Angola; three sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Angela Lung and Larry and Jody Lung, all of Garrett, and Paul and Anita Degrasse of Clinton, N.C.; a brother, Harry Kelley of Angola; two sisters, Audrey Beaty of Angola and Linda Mann of Pleasant Lake; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Harold Kelley; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

To sign an online guestbook or send a condolence, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Rene Castle

EATON — Rene Ann Castle, 54, of Eaton and formerly of Fort Wayne and Angola, died Monday, April 7, 2008, as a result of a car accident in Muncie.

She formerly worked at Lectron Products in Hamilton and the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Coldwater, Mich.

She was a graduate of Elmhurst High School and Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

She was born March 21, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Wallace "Butch" and Phyllis Castle. Both survive in Coldwater, Mich.

Other survivors include a daughter, Joy Swary of Florida; a son, Dustin Householder of Atlanta, Ga.; a grandson, Donovan Swary of Eaton; a sister, Cynthia Lake of Fort Wayne; a brother, Rick Castle of Fort Wayne; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park Chapel, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to the donors choice or to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Fern Goldsmith

SPENCERVILLE — Fern Maxine Goldsmith, 89, of Spencerville died Thursday evening, April 10, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Goldsmith worked as a Spencerville telephone operator and retired from Cooper Tire after 18 years of service. She was a member of Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born Nov. 24, 1918, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Earl and Ethel (Maxwell) Warner.

She married Harold J. Goldsmith on Feb. 16, 1938. He died Jan. 25, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Earl and Barbara Goldsmith of Butler and Walter Goldsmith of Spencerville; seven grandchildren; five foster grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 18 foster great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Glen and Lester Warner, and a sister, Gladys Ridenour.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Doug Holley and Pastor Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Coburn Corners Church of Christ, 6813 C.R. 64, St. Joe, IN 46785.

Louise Vannatta

FORT WAYNE — Louise M. "Betty" Vannatta, 90, died Thursday, April 10, 2008, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Vannatta

She was a cook for Washington Township School and North Side High School and was a homemaker. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and its Rebekkah Circle and was a past member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Berean Sunday School Class.

Louise also volunteered fo Parkview Hospital, White Cross.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ginny Vannatta of Fort Wayne; two grandsons, Brett Vannatta of Lebanon, Ohio, Chad Vannatta of Fort Wayn a granddaughter, Lisa Sava o Carrollton, Va.; great-grandsons, Riley Vannatta of Lebanon, Benny Vannatta of Fort Wayne, and Caleb Sava of Carrollton; and great-granddaughters Abby Vannatta of Fort Wayne and Lexi Sava of Carrollton.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating.

Calling will be 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.today at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials to Angola United Methodist Church or great-grandchildren's Education Fund.

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Pauline Frye

KENDALLVILLE — Pauline J. Frye, 74, of Kendallville died Friday, April 11, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Frye

Mrs. Frye was a homemaker. She first married Samuel Bollinger in 1949 and he preceded her death on Jan. 1, 1958. She later married Charles Frye on Sept. 6, 1974, in Fort Wayne and he preceded her death on Feb. 13, 1994.

She was born in Fort Wayne on May 3, 1933, to William Henry and Henrietta (Baunister) Thieme. Both are deceased.

Survivors include five daughters and four sons-in-law, Lois Ann Deck, Gloria and Jim Schnepp of Fort Wayne, Marilyn and Steve Stalhood of Hillsdale, Mich., Rosemary and Glenn Coe of Rome City and Florence and Dan Collar of Albion; two sons and a daughter in-law, Bill and Marybeth Bollinger of Roanoke and Tony Deck of Fort Wayne; a sister, Bertha Talarico of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Ryan Coe, who died Sept. 23, 2005; a son, Samuel Bollinger, who died in November 1979; a brother, Kenneth Thieme; and a sister, Mae Smith.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne. Casketbearers will be Bill and Tim Bollinger, Tony Deck, Danny and Josh Collar, and Glenn Coe Jr.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Reiff worked hard, lived dreams

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Lyle Reiff was remembered by his children as a man who loved family time spent outdoors, especially when the family came to their home on Lake George.

FREMONT — Lyle Reiff, who died Feb. 22, was a man who worked very hard to make his dreams a reality, his children said.

Reiff, who spent much of his early life going to Lake George during the summers with his own parents, spent his adult life trying to give his own children that lake experience, his son Lyle said.

“We’d do everything on the water,” Lyle Reiff said. “We would always go out together. We would learn to ride on these wooden boards, that were kind of like surfboards, only we’d stand up on them. We all learned to ski using those boards.”

Reiff’s daughter, Jody DuBois of Fort Wayne, had similar memories.

“Mostly, he just loved the water, the environment” DuBois said. “He loved the watersports. He was a good athlete, he played football at (Fort Wayne) South Side.” Her father, DuBois said, made his family the focus of all of the fun they could have on the water. “He taught me how to drive the boat when I was very young. That’s what he loved about being at the lake, it was a family thing for him to be there.”

Reiff worked for most of his career as a pharmacist in Fort Wayne, mostly at his own corner pharmacy, though he later worked for Hook’s Drugs in Fort Wayne, LaGrange and Angola.

Lyle Reiff said when his family moved to Lake George on a permanent basis, his father initially commuted to Fort Wayne, with the intention of retiring within a few years.

“They asked him if he would take over the LaGrange location,” Reiff said, significantly shortening his father’s commute in the years before his retirement. Reiff would also fill in at the Angola location of the pharmacy.

“My dad worked very hard,” DuBois said. This extended back to his time at school. “My dad got straight A’s at Purdue. He joked that the only subject he ever got a B in was marriage.”

While he meant that as a joke, DuBois said, Reiff’s marriage to his wife, Wilma, was anything if not a lasting one.

“They were devoted to each other,” DuBois said. “It was always very clear that they were devoted and they were in it for the long haul.” Wilma died in 1998.

While Reiff loved the water in the summertime, as many do, his passion also extended to the frozen variety. Reiff’s love of ice skating, which he shared with his children, blossomed as he got older. “After he retired, he really got into it,” she said.

Reiff went beyond skating for fun with the family, however. After his retirement from the pharmacy, Reiff spent much of his time traveling throughout the Midwest and to California, where his daughter Dianne Clendedin lives, judging ice skating competitions, eventually moving to one of the highest levels for judges.

“He compared it to those guys in the Midwest who have full time jobs and then referee Big 10 football games on Saturdays,” Lyle Reiff said.

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Barbara Lambright

TOPEKA — Barbara D. Lambright, 86, of Topeka, died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at her home.

She was a lifelong homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mrs. Lambright was born on Aug. 31, 1921, in Topeka to Daniel D. M. Frey and Elizabeth Miller. She married Omer T. Lambright on April 5, 1945. He survives.

Mrs. Lambright was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Daniel Troyer; two sisters, Anna Miller and Edna Mae; three brothers, Tebias, Joseph and John Lambright; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two daughters, Lizzie Ellen Lambright of Topeka and Leanna Troyer of LaGrange; three sons and daughters-in-law, Leroy and Anna Lambright, Lavern and Esther Lambright and Lloyd and Lenora Lambright, all of Topeka; two sisters, Mary Bontrager of Shipshewana and Mrs. Betz Hochstetler of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Wilma Frey of Waldron, Mich.; 38 grandchildren and 60 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the the family home at 5380 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka. Bishop John Eash and home ministries will officiate.

Calling will be at the family home today after 2 p.m.

Mrs. Lambright will be buried in Hawpatch Cemetery.

Mildred Musser

ANGOLA — Mildred Musser, 98, of Angola, died Friday, April 11, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Musser worked as a self-employed seamstress. She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ and the Come As You Are home economists club.

She was born on May 14, 1909, in Montgomery, Mich., to Charles S. and Nellie M. (Hulwick) Homan. She married Thomas Musser on Feb. 3, 1960. He preceded her death in 1974.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Musser was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Homan, and a niece, Patricia Sutherby.

Surviving are a niece, Carol Jenkins of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Richard Homan of Los Angeles; a great-nephew; Roy David Beers of Bluffton; and a great-niece, Roxanne Christianson of Bluffton.

A service will be held Monday at 1 p.m. at the Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola. Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Helen Surface

CHURUBUSCO — Helen A. Surface, 86, of Churubusco died Friday, April 11, 2008, in the Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Columbia City.

Mrs. Surface worked at the General Electric Co. and for U.S. Rubber in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1985 with over 21 years of service as an inspector for the Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

Mrs. Surface

She was born on May 10, 1921, in Kendallville to Sherman and Mary (Dice) Crawford. She married DeVere Q. Surface in Fort Wayne on Dec. 19, 1942. He preceded her death in 1971.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, James E. Surface, and two brothers, Robert and Allen Crawford.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Patty J. Surface of Churubusco; a granddaughter and her husband, Della and Tony Thompson of Auburn; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow the service in the Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

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Wilbur Gaff

CHURUBUSCO — Wilbur W. Gaff, 85, of Churubusco, died Friday, April 11, 2008 at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Mr. Gaff worked as a tool and die maker at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1980 after 34 years of service. He was a former president of the Churubusco Town Council and enjoyed fishing, hunting squirrels, bowling, playing cards and watching family sporting events.

Mr. Gaff

Mr. Gaff was born on Jan. 20, 1923 in Smith Township to Harry H. and Viva (Pippenger) Gaff. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1941 and attended Indiana Business College. He married Naomi Nelson on July 3, 1943, in Columbia City, and she survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Marsha and Robert Hoffman and Marna and Jerry Hinen, all of Columbia City, Annabeth and Joe Skinner and Bonnie and Mike Lambert, all of Churubusco, and Debra D. Gaff of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Brent A. and Shelly Gaff of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Harold Hull of South Whitley; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Tony L. and Louise Gaff of Larwill, Garland Link of Waterloo and Everett and Sheryl Link of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Deloris M. Gaff of Churubusco; and 18 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Herman L. Gaff, and a sister, Bonnie Link.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Samuel J. Norris officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churbusco Church of the Nazarene, 1000 W. Whitley St., Churubusco, IN 46723, or to the Human Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Viola Beechy

TOPEKA — Viola Beechy, 69, of Topeka, died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Ms. Beechy was a lifelong resident of the LaGrange area and worked at ARC of LaGrange.

She was born on April 29, 1938, to John A. and Anna (Frey) Beechy.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydia and Ammon Miller of Fredricksburg, Ohio, and Anna Mae and Harvey Schrock of West Union, Ohio; four brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Fannie Beechy and Ora and Anna Beechy, all of Topeka, Alvin and Ida Beechy of Shipshewana and Aaron and Edna Mae Beechy of Wautoma, Wis.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Ms. Beechy was preceded in death by four sisters, Barbara, Mary Ann, Katie and Elizabeth; and a brother, Joe.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilbur-Miller residence, 6850 S. C.R. 300W with Bishop Christy Mast officiating.

Visitation will be at the Wilbur-Miller residence today and all day Monday.

Burial will be at Miller Cemetery.

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Burdette Wysong

GOSHEN — Burdette J. "Ike" Wysong, 82, of Goshen died at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, in Columbus while en route home from wintering in Florida. He had been battling with myelodysplasia since October 2005.

Mr. Wysong

Mr. Wysong had worked for more than 40 years for GTE, retiring in 1989 as a supervisor.

He was a member of the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

Mr. Wysong was a U.S. Navy veteran and served in a submarine during World War II.

He enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

He was born Nov. 22, 1925, in Goshen to William and Ruth (Strine) Wysong. He married Elva Miller on Sept. 2, 1944, in Goshen.

Also surviving are two daughters, Diane and Steve Fisher of Goshen and Jolene and Willie Coates of South Bend; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Delores Eaton of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church in Goshen with the Rev. Terry Diener and the Rev. Jeff Mumaw officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross Blood Bank.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Varold Morgan

GARRETT — Varold A. Morgan, 88, of Garrett died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Morgan

Mr. Morgan worked as an engineer on the B&O Railroad for five years. He then worked as a machine operator for International Harvester, retiring in 1981 with 39 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving from 1944-1946.

Mr. Morgan was born Nov. 28, 1919, in Continental, Ohio.

His wife of 64 years, Mary M. (Heffley) Morgan, preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy S. and Donald Schiffli of Waterloo and Lana and Terry Miller of Delphos, Ohio; two sisters, Vivian Westrick of Holgate, Ohio, and Ladonna Schiffli of Waterloo; a brother, Melvin Morgan of Toledo, Ohio; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Arthur, Ray and Vance Morgan, and a sister, Imo Wilkle.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health & Hospice Services or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

A. Lynn Aldrich

HAMILTON — A. Lynn Aldrich, 68, of Hamilton died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Aldrich worked in the shipping department at Dura (formerly Universal Tool and Stamping) in Butler for 39 years, retiring in 1998. He was a 1957 graduate of Hamilton High School and was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

He was born May 16, 1939, in Steuben County to Carlton and Jeannette (Packer) Aldrich.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wayne and Marian Aldrich of Angola and Bruce and Glenna Aldrich of Hamilton; a brother-in-law, Carlos Stultz; a sister-in-law, Alice Aldrich of Hamilton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, George, Carlton, Thomas, Clifford and Larry Aldrich; and eight sisters, Ruth Shearer, Lois Johnson, Mina Palmer, Betty Bonecutter, Thelma Wappes, Anna Kline, Beverly Hathaway and Carol Stultz.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Nell Gordon

SOUTH MILFORD — Nell Gordon, 80, of rural South Milford died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gordon

She graduated from Pierceton High School in 1946.

She and her husband, Ray, founded Gordon's Camping near Big Long Lake and owned it for 36 years.

Mrs. Gordon was a member of South Milford Church of Christ.

She was a member of the Willing Workers Sunday school class, P.A.L.S., and was active in many other church functions.

Mrs. Gordon loved to read and work crossword puzzles, take care of her flower gardens, crochet and do needlework. She enjoyed cooking for her family, baking cookies and attending her grandchildren's basketball games and athletics events.

She was born in Kosciusko County on March 5, 1928, to Lewis and Anna (Rhodes) Jones. She married Raymond Gordon on Oct. 12, 1947. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Cindy Gordon of rural South Milford, Ed and Georgia Gordon of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Phil Gordon of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Rainelle and Greg Silver of Stroh; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Erica and Jeff Moody of Richmond, Ky.; Jason and Holly Gordon of Nicholasville, Ky.; Abby and Mike Levitz of Angola; Mindy Silver of Indianapolis; Sarah Gordon of Angola; Brandon and Jayna Thompson of Cecilia, Ky.; John Silver of Stroh; Paul Gordon of Bettendorf, Iowa, and Kyle Gordon of Elizabethtown; 11 great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Savannah Lepley and Hannah Waterson, both of Fort Wayne, Donna Hahn of Winona Lake and Shirley Kreger of Pierceton.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Maxine Gebert, Helen Mielke, Naomi Phebus and Betty Wolfe, and a brother, Hayden Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at South Milford Church of Christ with Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford. Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Calling will be from 3-9 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute (after Tuesday) or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Russell Miller

ASHLEY — A memorial service for Russell D. Miller will be Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m. at the Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller, 80, of Animas, N.M., died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Sunshine Haven nursing home in Lordsburg, N.M.

He was born June 7, 1927, in northeastern Indiana to Cecil and Bessie Miller. Mr. Miller enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II. The war ended just before he completed basic training. His assignments included MP duty aboard a troop carrier, then driving a truck. After his tour of duty in the Marine Corps, he worked for 40 years as a professional truck driver. He retired to Arizona and later moved to New Mexico, where he spent his remaining years.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Musser; four sons, Michael "Mark" Miller, Ed Miller, Fred Miller and Troy Miller; four brothers, David Miller, Gene Miller, Paul Miller and Tom Miller; and four sisters, Margie, Ann, Judy and Jane.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Miller; two brothers, Wayne Miller and Joseph Miller; and two grandchildren, David McCosh and Jamie McCosh.

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Leslie Hake

EDON, Ohio — Leslie L. Hake, 84, of Edon, Ohio, died Friday, April 11, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne from complications of cardiac surgery.

Mr. Hake was a 1941 graduate of Edon High School, received a degree in agriculture from Michigan State University in 1949 and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was employed by the Ohio Turnpike, retiring in 1990 with 34 years of service, and was a lifelong farmer. He was a lifelong member of the Bethlehem Christian Union Church and Edon American Legion Post 662, was an Honorary Chapter Farmer with the Edon FFA and bowled in the Senior Bowling League in Bryan, Ohio. He served 20 years on the Edon Northwest School Board.

Mr. Hake was born April 13, 1923, in Edon, Ohio, to Albert and Alice (Shearer) Hake.

He married Annabelle Messner on March 22, 1947, in LaGrange. She died Sept. 28, 1995.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Janie Hake, of Montpelier, Ohio, and Rick and Cheryl Hake, Terry and Trina Hake and Jon and Vicki Hake, all of Edon, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, DeeAnn and John Heller, of Pioneer, Ohio, and Jackie and Glenn Pelz, of Montpelier, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Janet Simmons of West Unity, Ohio, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Dorothy Hake and Larry and Arlene Hake, all of Edon; one sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Richard Dietrich of Bryan, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Hake of Edon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Hollis Hake.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Bethlehem Christian Union Church near Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Phil Harris officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery, with graveside military rites by Edon American Legion Post 662.

Calling will be in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, Ohio, after 2 p.m. today.

Memorials are to the Williams County Veterans Memorial Building or Bethlehem Christian Union Church.

To send the family condolences and sign an online register, visit krillfuneralservice.com.

Walter Queitsch

COLUMBIA CITY — Walter Thomas "Wally" Queitsch, 20, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at his home.

Among his survivors are his parents, Paul and Teri Queitsch of Churubusco.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Louis Fisher

KENDALLVILLE — Louis Fisher, 98, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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Bernard Kennedy

AUBURN — Bernard Reed Kennedy, 77, of Auburn died Sunday, April 13, 2008, in Auburn.

Mr. Kennedy worked as a supervisor at Mossberg Industries in Garrett. He was a nine-year member and a past president of the Kiwanis Club. He belonged to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Albion.

He was born May 12, 1930, in Cambridge, Ohio.

Surviving are his wife, Hilda (Lobb) Kennedy; two daughters, Karen Fussner of Surprise, Ariz., and Susan Cyran of Waterloo; two sons, Kurt Kennedy of Las Vegas, Nev., and David Kennedy of Tahoe City, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Ray Brothers of Quaker City, Ohio; two grandchildren, Christina LaSpina and her husband, Michael, of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Jordan Cobbs of Waterloo; and a great-grandchild, Allessandra LaSpina of Flagstaff, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by a son, Greg Kennedy; two brothers, Rex and Warren Kennedy; and one sister, Mae Kelch.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter, 9135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Albion.

Viola Beechy

TOPEKA — Viola Beechy, 69, of Topeka died at 8:02 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Miss Beechy was a lifetime LaGrange area resident.

She had been employed at ARC of LaGrange.

Miss Beechy was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 29, 1938, in Topeka to John and Anna (Frey) Beechy.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydia and Ammon Miller of Fredricksburg, Ohio, and Anna and Harvey Schrock of West Union, Ohio; five brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Fannie Beechy and Ora and Anna Beechy, all of Topeka, Alvin and Ida Beechy of Shipshewana, Aaron and Edna Beechy of Wautoma, Wis., and Daniel and Katie Beechy of Kenton, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by fours sisters, Barbara, Mary, Katie and Elizabeth; and a brother, Joe.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilbur Miller residence, 6850 S. C.R. 300W, Topeka, with Bishop Christy Mast officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Topeka. Pallbearers will be her nephews, Orva Miller, Alvin Miller, Olen Beechy, David Beechy, Willard Schrock and Christy Beechy.

Calling will be all day today at the Wilbur Miller residence.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Larry Kirk

BUTLER — Larry D. Kirk, 69, of Butler died Thursday, April 3, 2008.

Mr. Kirk was the owner of Kirk Materials Inc. for 13 years. Before that, he had been a manager for Merritt's Inc. and National Serv-All. He also owned and operated GLK Inc. He was a member of the Ohio Army National Guard.

Mr. Kirk

He was born Feb. 26, 1939, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Dale H. and Florence Merrine (Kuhn) Kirk.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Trudy S. (Chaffins) Kirk of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Gavin and Sue Kirk of Waycross, Ga.; two daughters, Aleshia Kirk of Lakeland, Fla., and Kelly Kirk of Orlando, Fla.; one granddaughter, Jennifer Luther; and two great-grandsons of Orlando.

A memorial gathering will be Saturday, May 3, from 1-5 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

An online guest register may be signed and condolences may be sent at oberlin-ford.com.

Terry Hicks

COLDWATER, Mich. — Terry D. Hicks, 49, of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Hicks was a truck driver with UPC Transport in Coldwater.

He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He loved to farm, NASCAR and fishing. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

He was born Aug. 21, 1958, in Coldwater to William and Hazel (Burch) Hicks. His mother survives. He married Roxanne Williams on Aug. 28, 1977, in Coldwater. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, Matthew Hicks of Bronson, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Adrian Hicks and Rickey Swank of Quincy, Mich.; three grandchildren, Chance Hicks and Wynter and Wysper Swank; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Patricia and Paul Woods, and Peggy and Jim Modert, all of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Dawn Hicks of Coldwater; and a mother and father-in-law, Loren and Phyllis Weinberg of Bronson.

He was preceded in death by his father, and a brother, Bruce Hicks.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater, with the Rev. Paul Woods officiating. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his daughter, Angela, and his grandchildren for future education expenses.

Bonnie Flath

LAGRANGE — Bonnie S. Flath, 60, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Flath was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She had worked at Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange for 27 years.

Mrs. Flath was a member of East Springfield United Methodist Church, LaGrange.

She was born Aug. 28, 1947, in Sturgis, Mich., to Arthur and Wilma (Coney) Dunafin. She married Everett E. Flath Jr. on Nov. 25, 1967, in Ashley. He died March 2, 2005.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tracy and Kevin Light of LaGrange; two grandchildren, Kody and Audrey Light, both of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Donna and Kenneth Northup and Shirley Freed, all of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerald and Emily Dunafin of LaGrange; 16 nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; and several great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Judith Northup.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Louis Fisher

KENDALLVILLE — Louis Hal Fisher, 98, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Fisher

Mr. Fisher was employed as a pattern maker at Trenton Garment Co. in Kendallville for 25 years. He retired from Trendline Furniture and Holabird Manufacturing, both in Kendallville.

He was a 35-year member of the Kendallville Rotary Club and a member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Mr. Fisher had served as a volunteer at Parkview Noble Hospital. He enjoyed making telescopes, hiking, hunting, fishing and reading science fiction novels. He had been a Boy Scout leader, member of the National Guard and helped man the Civil Defense Skywatch weather tower at the Elks Lodge.

He was born March 5, 1910, in Maunie, Ill., to Charles and Clara (White) Fisher. He married Gladys Louise Hillesheim on Nov. 24, 1938, in Freeburg, Ill. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Louise Fisher of Kendallville and Sue and Hal Hanes of Pekin, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Charley and Sara Fisher of Kendallville; a son-in-law, Fran Moore of Wappingers Fall, N.Y.; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Chuck and Dawna Schwab of Troy, Mich., Laura Watson of Avilla, Jennifer Moore and Melinda and Lenny Miller, all of Carmel, N.Y., Julie and Jason Kennedy of Huntsville, Ala., Amanda and Josh Huron of Indianapolis, Lucy and Eric Smiley of Fishers, Adam and Melody Fisher of Eugene, Ore., and Todd and Sherry Fisher of Gallatin, Tenn.; 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Evelyn Brickler of El Paso, Texas, and Johnnie Martin of Waco, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Moore, who died in 1991; two sisters, Marian Moreau and Maribel Fisher; and a brother, Fred Fisher.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be his grandsons.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist, Noble County EMS or Families For Freedom military support group.

View a video tribute (after Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

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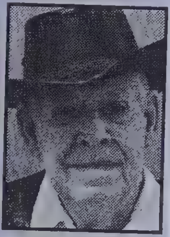
William Snowden

SUTTONS BAY, Mich. — William Snowden, 86, of Suttons Bay, Mich., died Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at Tendercare Health Center of Leelanau, Mich.



Mr. Snowden

Mr. Snowden worked at GM for 20 years as a skilled grinder. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in North Africa and Europe, earning a Purple Heart for wounds received while in combat.

He was an avid outdoorsman. He hunted racoon and deer and fished for pike in Canada. He would take trips to Florida for deep sea fishing.

He was born Nov. 5, 1921, in Deckerville, Mich., to John and Hattie (Colgon) Snowden. He married Mary Lee Tipkey in Port Huron, Mich. on April 30, 1942. She died Aug. 27, 1993.

He is survived by a daughter, Leanne Snowden of Suttons Bay; two sons and daughters-in-law, William and Linnie Snowden of Mount Pleasant, Mich., and Walter and Beverly Snowden of Harrison, Mich.; two siblings, Melvin Snowden and Catherine Rieker; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four siblings, Blanche, Genevieve, Hubert and Andrew.

A graveside service with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Covenanter Cemetery in Clear Lake.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Martinson Funeral Home in Suttons Bay is in charge of arrangements.

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Walter Queitsch

COLUMBIA CITY — Walter "Wally" Queitsch, 20, of Columbia City and formerly of Green Township in Noble County was found dead early Sunday, April 13, 2008, at his home, apparently of natural causes.

Mr. Queitsch

Mr. Queitsch spent his formative years in Green Township, north of Churubusco. He was educated in the Smith-Green Community Schools, and earned his GED from Whitley County.

He had been employed at Wal-Mart in Columbia City for nearly five years.

Mr. Queitsch had enjoyed working on cars, spending time with friends and co-workers and had enjoyed helping others.

He was born Sept. 17, 1987, in Columbia City to Paul R. and Teri (Selvin) Queitsch. They survive in Churubusco.

Also surviving are two sisters, April Queitsch and Lily Queitsch, both at home; his paternal grandparents, Max and Jean Queitsch of Louisville, Tenn.; his stepgrandmother, Etta Selvin of Tamarac, Fla.; uncles and aunts, John and Terri Queitsch of Tennessee, Bill Queitsch of Irving, Texas, and Jeri and Peter Rank of Islip, N.Y.; and several cousins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Charter Oak Community Church, rural Churubusco, with Pastor Aaron Peer officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall St., New York, NY 10005-4001

Send condolences to the family at shetsandchilds.net.

B. Jean Coblentz

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — B. Jean Coblentz, 78, of Hicksville died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at the home of her daughter in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

She was a homemaker and a volunteer at the Dove's Nest and the Bargain Box. She worked for eight years as a cook at Yoder's Restaurant in Hicksville. She was a member of Church of the Good Shepherd in Leo.

She was born July 5, 1929, in Morocco, Ind., to Dan and Essie (Miller) Leichty.

She married Sanford "Bud" Coblentz in March 1952. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Ken Keller of Fort Wayne and Brenda and Arlen Stauffer of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Evan and Sallie Coblentz of Hicksville; four granddaughters, Jaime Holle, Cassie Phillips, Abbie Coblentz and Mackenzie Booth; a grandson, Justin Stauffer; two great-grandchildren, Gracie Holle and Jaxson Stauffer; a brother, Elvin Leichty of Florida; and a sister and brother-in-law, Violet and Amos Kauffman of Florida.

She was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Margie Leichty.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, with Pastor Brad Miller officiating. Burial will be in Lost Creek Cemetery in Farmer Township.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2–8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Hospice of Volusia/Flagler.

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Gail Hursey

LIGONIER — Gail D. Hursey, 61, of Ligonier died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Hursey and her husband, Steve, owned and operated Hursey Garage & Mercantile in Cromwell for many years.

Mrs. Hursey

She was a member of Stone's Trace Historical Society and the Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

She was born Feb. 3, 1947, in Goshen to Graydon and Helen (Smith) Blue. She married Steve Hursey on June 23, 1968. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Brent Montgomery of Ligonier and Gretchen and Justin Herbaugh of Huntingburg; a grandson, Garrett Herbaugh of Huntingburg; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Joyce Blue and Rita and Don Dodds, all of Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, 407 S. Cavin St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson and the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Stone's Trace Historical Society.

Carolyn Wann

AUBURN — Carolyn R. Wann, 84, of Auburn died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born March 8, 1924, in LaCrosse, she was a member of Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Leo.

Mrs. Wann

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Sue Wann of Hicksville, Ohio, and Ron and Joan Wann of Butler; two daughters, Gloria Wann of Auburn and Marsha Hamric of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Max and Elsie Singleton of Mark Center, Ohio; six sisters, Gen Baumgart of Polaski, Wis., Mary Lou Mabis of Antwerp, Ohio, Molly Thompson of Auburn, Barbara Miller of Fort Wayne, Shirley Miller of New Haven and Betty Singleton of New Haven; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herman; two brothers, Richard and Lavon Singleton; and a son-in-law, John Hamric.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

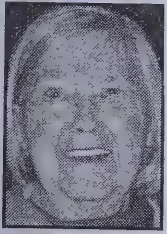
Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Bernice Stickell

AVILLA — Julia Bernice Stickell, 90, of Avilla died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Stickell had taught school in LaSalle and Galesburg, Ill., and Michigan City, Ind. She was a graduate of the University of Illinois where she majored in physical education. She was an advocate of fitness and sports.


Mrs. Stickell

She especially enjoyed watching IU basketball and her grandchildren's sporting events.

Mrs. Stickell was known for her baking and her holiday meals.

She was born Feb. 27, 1918, in St. Louis, Mo., to Charles (Kazimiera) Petrulis and Stella (Stefanija) Beleskiute. She married Arthur Stickell on April 6, 1942, in St. Louis.

Surviving are two sons, Douglas Stickell of Maquon, Ill., and Lawrence Jr. and Kimberly Stickell of Roanoke; seven grandchildren, Henley, Danielle, Susan, Caroline, Madeleine, Hilary and Sophie; and one great-grandson, Sasha.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Steffanie and Rebekah.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Burial will be in Gilson Cemetery in Gilson, Ill.

Calling will be from 9-10:30 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Jane Schiek

WATERLOO — Mary Jane Schiek, 83, of Waterloo died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Schiek was a lifelong homemaker and worked in the deli and bakery at the Kroger store in Auburn. She also was a greeter at Wal-Mart in Auburn.

She attended various non-denominational churches in the area. Her hobbies were gardening, sewing and taking care of her family.

She was born March 23, 1925, in DeKalb County to Oscar and Marie Christlieb.

She married William E. Schiek in Angola on May 28, 1944. He died May 18, 2005.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Brad and Angel Schiek of Waterloo, Greg and Sue Schiek of Waterloo and Jeff and Cathy Schiek of Edgerton, Ohio; four daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Dave Pippenger of Churubusco, Susan and Stephen Hull of Angola, Freda and Kerry Dickey of Waterloo and Lisa and Jeff Grimm of Waterloo; 24 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ruby Whittington of Auburn, Martha Howey of Hamilton and Lulubelle Sutton of Orland; and a brother, Delbert Christlieb of Toledo, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

Services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton and Don Hawver officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of the Nazarene or the Christian Assembly of God, Butler.

Donald Corkwell

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Donald D. Corkwell, 81, died Sunday, April 13, 2008, at OSU East Hospital.

A veteran of the Naval Air Corps, Mr. Corkwell was a member of Central College Presbyterian Church, Blendon Lodge 339 F&AM and Scottish Rite. He retired from American States Insurance.

He was the son of Edwin and Olive Corkwell.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, D. Maxine; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Harry Schwind; a son and daughter-in-law, Bradley and Tracey Corkwell; seven grandchildren, Scott Schwind, Drew Schwind, Ashley M. Corkwell, Ryan D. Corkwell, Dustin Hoyle, Melissa Hoyle and Rachel Hoyle; a brother and sister-in-law, G. Robert and Juanita; a sister-in-law, Audrey Corkwell; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Glenn, and sisters, Mary McCabe and Barbara Fremion.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Hill Funeral Home, 220 S. State St.. Westerville. The Rev. David Redding will officiate. Burial will be in Blendon Central Cemetery

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6- 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Central College Presbyterian Church.

Ava Bungard

BUTLER — Ava Bungard, 88, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, in Butler. Services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Jeffery Caldwell

BUTLER — Jeffery Caldwell, 44, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Connie Cummings

FREMONT — Connie Cummings, 75, of Fremont died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Miriam Hartman

ANGOLA — Miriam L. Hartman, 83, of Angola died Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at home.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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Pearl Neubauer

REDFORD, Mich. — Pearl D. Neubauer, 94 of Redford died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at Garden City Hospital in Garden City, Mich. She had been in failing health for several months.

Mrs. Neubauer

Mrs. Neubauer enjoyed her church's activities and spending time with friends and family members, especially her great-grandchildren.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1914, in Detroit to Albert and Anna (Trapp) Zieman. She married Howard E. Neubauer on May 15, 1937. He died Aug. 5, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Russ and Nancy Neubauer of West Chester, Pa.; a daughter, Nancy Malone of Kendallville; six grandchildren and their spouses, John and Angie Malone and Steve Malone, all of Kendallville, Scott and Michelle Neubauer of South Carolina, Mark and Keely Neubauer of Maryland, Paul and Kim Neubauer of North Carolina and Anne and Dan Hubbard of Delaware; and five great-grandchildren, Daniel, Ian and Andrew Malone, and Isabella and Ryleigh Neubauer.

She was also proceeded in death by two brothers, Harold and Howard Zieman, a sister, Alice Zieman; and a son-in-law, Thomas Patrick "Pat" Malone.

Services were April 3 at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford with the Rev. John Meyer officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park at Livonia, Mich. Her six grandchildren served as pallbearers.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or School in Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Pauline J. Frye, 74

KENDALLVILLE – Pauline J. Frye, age 74, of Kendallville, passed away on Friday, April 11, 2008 at the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Frye was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on May 3, 1933 to William Henry and Henrietta (Baunister) Thieme.

She first married Samuel Bollinger in 1949 and he preceded her in death on January 1, 1958.

She later married Charles Frye on September 6, 1974 in Fort Wayne and he also preceded her in death on February 13, 1994.

Mrs. Frye was a homemaker and loved sewing and embroidery and playing bingo and euchre.

Survivors include: five daughters, Gloria (Jim) Schnepp of Fort Wayne, Marilyn (Steve) Stalhood of Hillsdale, Michigan, Rosemary (Glenn) Coe of Rome City, Florence (Dan) Collar of Albion, and Lois Ann Deck; two sons, Bill (Marybeth) Bollinger of Roanoke, and Tony Deck of Fort Wayne; seventeen grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren; and a sister, Bertha Talarico of Fort Wayne.

Along with her parents and husbands, she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Ryan Coe, who died September 23, 2005; son, Samuel Bollinger who died November 1979; brother, Kenneth Thieme; and sister, Mae Smith.

Funeral Services were April 15, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial was at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Preferred Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society

Casketbearers were Bill and Tim Bollinger, Tony Deck, Danny and Josh Collar, and Glenn Coe, Jr.

View a video tribute (after Monday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Wilbur Gaff, 85

CHURUBUSCO — Wilbur W. Gaff, 85, of Churubusco, died Friday, April 11, 2008 at The Oaks in Columbia City.

Mr. Gaff was born on Jan. 20, 1923 in Smith Township to Harry H. and Viva (Pippenger) Gaff. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1941 and attended Indiana Business College. He married Naomi Nelson on July 3, 1943, in Columbia City, and she survives.

Mr. Gaff worked as a tool and die maker at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne before retiring in 1980 after 34 years of service. He was a former president of the Churubusco Town Council and enjoyed fishing, hunting squirrels, bowling, playing cards and watching family sporting events.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Marsha (Robert) Hoffman and Marna (Jerry) Hinen, of Columbia City, Annabeth (Joe) Skinner and Bonnie (Mike) Lambert, of Churubusco, and Debra D. Gaff of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Brent A. (Shelly) Gaff of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn (Harold) Hull of South Whitley; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Tony L. (Louise) Gaff of Larwill, Garland Link of Waterloo and Everett (Sheryl) Link of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister-in-law, Deloris M. Gaff of Churubusco; 18 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Herman L. Gaff, and a sister, Bonnie Link.

Services were held April 16, 2008 at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco Pastor Samuel J. Norris officiated.

Burial took place in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churbusco Church of the Nazarene, 1000 W. Whitley St., Churubusco, IN 46723, or to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 16, 2008, Wednesday

Erma Hunter, 78

AVILLA — Erma Hunter, 78, of Avilla and formerly of Kendallville died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She had resided there for five years.

Mrs. Hunter had worked as a grocery store cashier and at Miller's Restaurant in Kendallville.

She was born July 25, 1929, in Knott County, KY., to Will and Pearlie (Handshoe) Conley. She married James "Lee" Hunter on Sept. 9, 1972, in Wolcottville. He died Sept. 14, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and John Campbell of Corunna; a stepson, Gary Hunter of Springfield, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Barbara Johnson of Michigan; a grandson, Darren Lee Slone of Stroh; seven stepgrandchildren; a brother, Lotchie Conley of Wolcottville; a niece and caregiver, Carol McDaniels of Kendallville; and several other nieces and nephews.

Services were held April 11, 2008 at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel. Pastor Willie Collins officiated. Burial took place at Woodruff Cemetery.

Send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Richard Goings, 79

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio – Richard Eugene Goings, 79, of Springfield, Ohio, and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, April 6, 2008, in Springfield Regional Medical Center.

He was born on October 28, 1928, in Fort Wayne to George and Irene (Hosack) Goings.

Mr. Goings was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the Philippines.

He retired from Howard Sobers Trucking following 25 years of service.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge 2455 in Albion, Albion American Legion Post 246 and the Springfield VFW.

Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Simona (Harber) Goings of Springfield; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Gloria Goings of Albion and Thomas Yoquelet of Monroeville; three daughters, Mickie, Teri and Linda; a granddaughter, Amy Allen; two great-grandsons; four stepdaughters including Judy Sherman of Ft. Wayne and Patricia Beck of Charlotte, NC; three stepsons including Steven Fromm of Tennessee; several stepgrandchildren; a sister Marjorie Luce; and a brother Jack Goings of Ft. Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn and his parents.

A gathering of family and friends was held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2455 in Albion on April 11, 2008.

Littleton & Rue Funeral Home & Crematory in Springfield, Ohio handled the arrangements.

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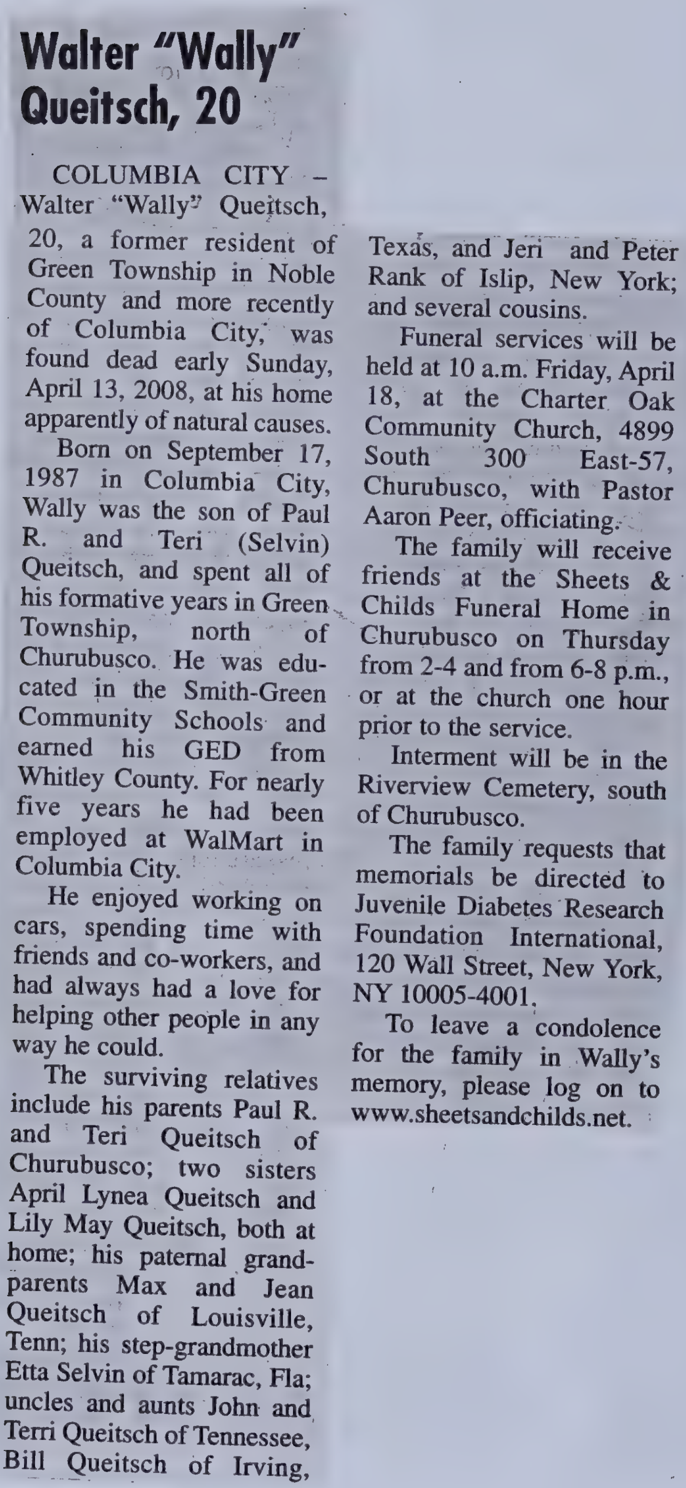

Walter "Wally" Queitsch, 20

COLUMBIA CITY – Walter "Wally" Queitsch, 20, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County and more recently of Columbia City, was found dead early Sunday, April 13, 2008, at his home apparently of natural causes.

Born on September 17, 1987 in Columbia City, Wally was the son of Paul R. and Teri (Selvin) Queitsch, and spent all of his formative years in Green Township, north of Churubusco. He was educated in the Smith-Green Community Schools and earned his GED from Whitley County. For nearly five years he had been employed at WalMart in Columbia City.

He enjoyed working on cars, spending time with friends and co-workers, and had always had a love for helping other people in any way he could.

The surviving relatives include his parents Paul R. and Teri Queitsch of Churubusco; two sisters April Lynea Queitsch and Lily May Queitsch, both at home; his paternal grandparents Max and Jean Queitsch of Louisville, Tenn; his step-grandmother Etta Selvin of Tamarac, Fla; uncles and aunts John and Terri Queitsch of Tennessee, Bill Queitsch of Irving, Texas, and Jeri and Peter Rank of Islip, New York; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 18, at the Charter Oak Community Church, 4899 South 300 East-57, Churubusco, with Pastor Aaron Peer, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Thursday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-4001.

To leave a condolence for the family in Wally's memory, please log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 17, 2008, Thursday

Ava Bungard

BUTLER — Ava J. Bungard, 88, of Butler died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Bungard worked for the Gambles store in Butler for 12 years and Workers World of Butler for 14 years, retiring in 1996. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

Mrs. Bungard

She was born Sept. 30, 1919, in Butler to Raymond and Lucy (Rummel) Palmerton. They preceded her in death.

She married Willis P. Bungard on Nov. 18, 1939, in Auburn. He died May 8, 1963.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Marie Bungard of Bryan, Ohio, Jerry and Linda Bungard of Butler, Randy and Susan Bungard of Fort Wayne and Charles and Connie Bungard of Butler; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Carol Sweet of Fort Wayne, Sara and Jerry Leazenby of Waldron, Mich., Dianne Miller of Fort Wayne and Julie and James Rediger of Lake City, Fla.; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Michael Sweet and Val Miller.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Doug Holley and Pastor Brian Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home or the Coburn Corners Food Pantry.

To sign a guest register or view a video tribute, visit hejohnsonfh.com.

Levi Shetler Sr.

LAGRANGE — Levi J. Shetler Sr., 84, of LaGrange died Wednesday April 16, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Shetler was a retired farmer and carpenter. He had moved to the area from Adams County in February 1996.

Mr. Shetler was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born on May 8, 1923, in Mount Hope, Ohio, to Jacob L. and Amanda A. (Hershberger) Shetler. He married Mary Hilty on Nov. 27, 1947, in Geneva. She died March 12, 2007.

Surviving are five daughters and son-in-laws, Amanda and Paul Schwartz of Fremont, Lucinda and Levi Schwartz of Monroe, Amy and James Hilty of LaGrange and Annie and Marvin Schwartz, all of LaGrange, and Larene and Wills Graber of Geneva; five sons and daughter-in-laws, Samuel and Amanda Shetler and Levi Jr. and Mandy Shelter, all of LaGrange, Jacob and Freida Shetler and Paul and Leah Shetler, all of Monroe, and Marcus and Martha Shetler of Hicksville, Ohio; 91 grandchildren; 96 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Martha Hilty and Fannie Hilty, both of Berne; and four brothers, Henry Shetler and Valentine Shetler, both of Berne, Andrew Shetler of Monroe and Mose Shetler of LaGrange.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Anna Coblentz; four brothers, Dan, Eli, Jacob and Samuel Shetler; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the James Hilty residence, 4225 E. C.R. 160S, LaGrange, with Bishop Danny Otto and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Oak Hill Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Friday at the James Hilty residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Jeffery Caldwell

BUTLER — Jeffery L. Caldwell, 44, of Butler died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Caldwell had worked at DeKalb Molded Plastics and Evans Trucking.

He was born June 6, 1963, in Huntington to Rosalee (Caldwell) Pruitt. She preceded him in death.

He married Ronda Miller on June 29, 1998, in Tennessee, and she survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Josh and Thelma Caldwell of Auburn, Jeffery Caldwell and Cody Caldwell, both of New Braunfels, Texas, and Brent and Linda Miller of Butler; a daughter, Heather Caldwell of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Mike Caldwell of Auburn and David Pruitt of Albion; a sister, Shawna Pruitt of Garrett; two stepchildren, Brandon Collins and Misty Collins, both of Butler; and five grandchildren, Dominique Caldwell, Quintin Saurbeck, Brian Miller, Cedric Collins and Autumn Collins.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

To send condolences or view a video tribute, visit hejohnsonfh.com.

Juanita Figley

EDGERTON, Ohio — Juanita M. Figley, 82, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at 9:45 a.m. in Park View Nursing Center at Edgerton, Ohio, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Figley was a bookkeeper for Fisher Implement for 26 years and then worked for Camps Farm Equipment in Hicksville for 11 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church near Edgerton.

She was born Sept. 17, 1925, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Frank and Hazel (Royer) Baerlin.

She married Francis Figley on Nov. 22, 1958, in Edgerton. He died in 1963.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Ron Camp of Auburn; two grandsons, Doug Camp of LaOtto and Greg Camp, of Gilberts, Ill.; four great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; one brother, LaVogne Baerlin of Williams Center, Ohio; one sister, Pauline Dyke of Detroit; and her longtime special friend, Bill Gearhart, of Edon, Ohio.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton with her grandson, Greg Camp, officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospice Care or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about survivors.*

Russell Miller

ASHLEY — A memorial service for Russell D. Miller will be Sunday, April 20, at 2 p.m. at the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller, 80, of Animas, N.M., died Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Sunshine Haven nursing home in Lordsburg, N.M.

He was born June 7, 1927, in northeastern Indiana to Cecil and Bessie Miller. Mr. Miller enlisted in the Marine Corps during World War II. The war ended just before he completed basic training. His assignments included MP duty aboard a troop carrier, then driving a truck. After his tour of duty in the Marine Corps, he worked for 40 years as a professional truck driver. He retired to Arizona and later moved to New Mexico, where he spent his remaining years.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Musser; four sons, Michael "Mark" Miller, Ed Miller, Fred Miller and Troy Miller; four brothers, David Miller, Gene Miller, Paul Miller and Tom Miller; four sisters, Margie, Ann, Judy and Jane; and three grandchildren, Jody McCosh, Jason McCosh and Angie Bolton.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Miller; two brothers, Wayne Miller and Joseph Miller; and two grandchildren, David McCosh and Jamie McCosh.

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Connie Cummings

FREMONT — Connie Mae Cummings, 75, of Fremont died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Cummings was a homemaker.

She enjoyed her family and grandchildren, as well as listening to music.

Mrs. Cummings

She was born Sept. 24, 1932, in Steubenville, Ohio. She married William A. Cummings on Feb. 15, 1955. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2006.

She is survived by three daughters, Nellie Rowe and Louella Parrish, both of Angola, and Connie Nelson of Fremont; four sons, George Cummings of Fort Wayne; William Cummings Jr., Jesse Cummings and John Cummings, all of Angola; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her siblings.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Edith Addis

CHURUBUSCO — Edith Irene Addis, 67, of Churubusco died today, Thursday, April 17, 2008, at her home. She had been in failing health the past 15 months.

Survivors include her husband, Roger Addis, three children, Karen Harpel of LaOtto, Tim Addis of Albion and Patricia Percey of Churubusco; and her stepmother, Mary Ditton of Dunfee.

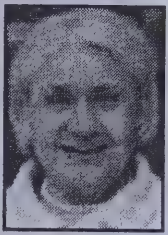
Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home at Churubusco.

Send condolences to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

Miriam Hartman

ANGOLA — Miriam L. Hartman, 83, of Angola died Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Hartman was a former teacher and helped operate her family's farm in Fremont.


Mrs. Hartman

She was an active community member and a member of the Antique Club, Psi Iota Xi sorority, the Elks Club and community theater. Later in life, she enjoyed skiing in Colorado and walking along the beach in California. She was known for her raspberry jam. She was a graduate of Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1924, to Paul and Thelma Heidman in Detroit. She married Dr. John Hartman on Feb. 8, 1947. He survives.

She is also survived by her four children, Anne, John, Jeanne and Karl, and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and a brother, William Heidman, of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jeanne, and a brother, Philip.

Services will be at Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola on Saturday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Fulk officiating. Burial will be in the Mundy Cemetery north of Fremont.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola and an hour before services on Saturday.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Condolences for Mrs. Hartman may be sent to hejohnsonfh.com

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April17, 2008, Thursday

Services are Friday for Gail Hursey, 61

LIGONIER — Gail D. Hursey, 61, of Ligonier died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Hursey

Mrs. Hursey and her husband, Steve, owned and operated Hursey Garage & Mercantile in Cromwell for many years.

She was a member of Stone's Trace Historical Society and the Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

She was born Feb. 3, 1947, in Goshen to Graydon and Helen (Smith) Blue. She married Steve Hursey on June 23, 1968. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Brent Montgomery of Ligonier and Gretchen and Justin Herbaugh of Huntingburg; a grandson, Garrett Herbaugh of Huntingburg; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Joyce Blue and Rita and Don Dodds, all of Ligonier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, 407 S. Cavin St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson and the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Stone's Trace Historical Society.

Viola Beechy

TOPEKA — Viola Beechy, 69, of Topeka died at 8:02 a.m. Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Miss Beechy was a lifetime LaGrange area resident.

She had been employed at ARC of LaGrange.

Miss Beechy was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 29, 1938, in Topeka to John and Anna (Frey) Beechy.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lydia and Ammon Miller of Fredricksburg, Ohio, and Anna and Harvey Schrock of West Union, Ohio; five brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Fannie Beechy and Ora and Anna Beechy, all of Topeka, Alvin and Ida Beechy of Shipshewana, Aaron and Edna Beechy of Wautoma, Wis., and Daniel and Katie Beechy of Kenton, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by fours sisters, Barbara, Mary, Katie and Elizabeth; and a brother, Joe.

Services were Tuesday at the Wilbur Miller residence, 6850 S. C.R. 300W, Topeka, with Bishop Christy Mast officiating. Burial was in Miller Cemetery at Topeka.

Pallbearers were her nephews, Orva Miller, Alvin Miller, Olen Beechy, David Beechy, Willard Schrock and Christy Beechy.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

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Edith Addis

CHURUBUSCO — Edith Irene Addis, 67, of Churubusco died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Addis lived in LaOtto before moving to Churubusco in 1968.

She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1958 and later in her life graduated from Indiana-Purdue University.

Mrs. Addis had worked in the offices of several area chiropractors and later worked for more than 10 years at Power Wheels in Fort Wayne, and for CANI for 12 years in the Allen and Whitley county offices.

Mrs. Addis

She had worked as a teacher at the Churubusco Child Care Center until 2006.

Mrs. Addis was a member of the LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are her husband, Roger; children, Karen and Ed Harpel of LaOtto, Tim and Diane Addis of Albion, and Patricia Percey of Indianapolis; her stepmother, Mary Ditton of Dunfee; three sisters, Judy Oglesby, Jeanie Shirley and Denise and Rob Grissom, all of Ocala, Fla; a brother Ronald Hunter of Ohio; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Ray, and granddaughter, Paige Addis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Tyler Ward officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences to the family at www.sheetsand-childs.net.

Mary Simmons

LIGONIER — Mary Frances Simmons, 91, of Ligonier died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

She was born Aug. 30, 1916, in Wawaka to Mark and Grace (Caldwell) Kinnison. She married Thad R. Simmons in Noblesville on Sept. 7, 1939.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean and Charles May of Lock Haven, Pa., and Karen and Stanley Lemieux of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Care At Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Robert Underwood

FREMONT — Robert Neal "Bob" Underwood, 75, of Lake George in Fremont, died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

He was born March 16, 1933.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Jacob Schrock

TOPKEA — Jacob E. Schrock, 78, of Topeka died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Schrock was self-employed as a farmer and backhoe operator. He was a member of Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Oct. 7, 1929, in Elkhart County to Ervin J. and Fannie D. (Miller) Schrock. He married Nettie L. Miller on Oct. 7, 1948, in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jacob Jr. and Esther Schrock of Shipshewana and Ora and Alma Schrock of Topeka; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Emma and Larry McClellan of Topeka; three brothers, Albert and Maxine Schrock of Pana, Ill., George and Martha Schrock of Ligonier and John Schrock of Osseo, Mich.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, David, Joseph, Noah, Leo and Earl Schrock.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Ora Schrock residence, 617 N. Main St., Topeka, with Bishop Ernie E. Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Ora Schrock residence.

Send condolences to the family at millerstewartfuneral-home.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Kendallville businessman R. Stan Emerick dies

SYRACUSE — Longtime Kendallville businessman and attorney R. Stan Emerick, 86, of Syracuse died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 7:25 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Emerick had been with the Emerick & Diggins Law Firm since 1950.

Mr. Emerick

He graduated from Wabash College and the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Emerick was a lifetime area resident. He served as the Kendallville city attorney for eight years, Noble County attorney for four years and was part of the Noble County Bar Association and the Indiana State Bar Association.

He served on the Kendallville Library Board for 15 years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 86, Kendallville Elks Lodge and a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born June 26, 1921, in Kendallville to Rex S. and Clara L. (Lemmon) Emerick. He married Catherine B. "Katy" (Curie) Emerick on March 17, 1947. She preceded him in death on Sept. 26, 1987. On Jan. 22, 2002, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., he married Norma J. (Hampshire) Lehman. She survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are a son, Rex S. Emerick Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla.; a grandson, Dustin Emerick of Jacksonville; a stepdaughter, Nola Farney of Garrett; and two stepsons, Bart Lehman of LaGrange and Herman Lehman of Kendallville.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Kendallville Public Library.

Send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Miriam L. Hartman

Sept. 14, 1924 – April 16, 2008

ANGOLA – Miriam L. Hartman died peacefully at home on Wednesday morning. She was born on September 14, 1924 to Paul and Thelma Heidman in Detroit, Michigan. She enrolled at Hillsdale College where she not only earned a degree in English but also met a handsome fellow student, John Hartman. Following her graduation, Miriam taught for a year at a boys reform school in Detroit.

Mrs. Hartman

On February 8, 1947, she wed Dr. John Hartman and moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where John was in residency at University of Michigan. Their first child was born in Ann Arbor and in 1950, they moved to Angola. Miriam raised four children: Anne, John, Jeanne and Karl. As a young mother, she was an active community member and joined numerous organizations such as the antique club, Psi Iota Xi sorority, and community theater. In her later years, she frequently visited their farm north of Fremont, skied the slopes of Aspen, and walked along the shore in Coronado, California. Her raspberry jam was legendary and she spun wild tales with her friends on Tuesday night at the Elks. She loved her re-hab buddies at Cameron Hospital where she was fierce on the treadmill.

She lived a long and happy life enhanced by family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Dr. John Hartman, her four children and their spouses, nine grandchildren, and an older brother, William Heidman, of Detroit. She is predeceased by a sister, Jeanne, and a brother, Philip.

Services will be held at Holy Family Episcopal Church in Angola on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 10 AM with Rev. Michael T. Fulk officiating. Visitation will be Friday, April 18, 2008 from 4 to 7 PM at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola and 1 hour before services on Saturday. Burial will be in the Mundy Cemetery north of Fremont. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to: The Muscular Dystrophy Association, 4719 Viewridge Ave., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123. Phone: 858-492-9792. Condolences for Mrs. Hartman may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Paid at the request of the family.

THE NEWS SUN
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April 19, 2008, Saturday

Fremont businessman Robert Underwood dies

FREMONT — Robert Neal "Bob" Underwood, 75, of Lake George, Fremont, and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Underwood

Mr. Underwood was currently the owner of Bubba's Pizza and Bubba's Toledo Street Grill in Fremont. He was owner of and entertainer at the former The Picker nightclub in Fort Wayne. He formerly worked at the Fort Wayne Parks Department, Dana Corp. and International Harvester.

Mr. Underwood was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran.

He attended Elmhurst High School and attended college in Chicago. He was a member of Northeastern Lodge 210 F&AM in Fremont, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, and the Pokagon Shrine Club. His hobbies included fishing, boating, flying and the lake, and he enjoyed jazz, country music and playing the guitar.

He was born March 16, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Hugh and Edna (Selch) Underwood.

He married Wilma "Billie" (Taner) Lamson Underwood in Fort Wayne on March 14, 1971. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Kathleen and Kurt Westman of Roanoke and Sharleen Torres of Fort Wayne; former wife and mother of Kathleen and Sharleen, Dorothy (Cimini) Williams of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Shanon, Kristin, Jade, Lindsay and Ryan; four stepchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be at noon Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to noon Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to beamfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Dennis Myers

SNOW LAKE — Dennis E. Myers, 64, of Snow Lake died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Myers was a veteran, serving in the 983rd Engineers Battalion with the U.S. Army Reserves, Toledo, Ohio. He was an engineer for Techneglas, Perrysburg, Ohio, from 1964 until his retirement in 2001. He was a waterfowler and fisherman. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited and First Congregational United Church of Christ.

He was born on May 28, 1943, in Bryan, Ohio, the son of Richard A. Myers and Viola (Bostater) Myers Leslie. His mother survives in Montpelier, Ohio.

He and his wife, Cheryl L. Myers, were married on Nov. 21, 1964, and she survives at Snow Lake.

He also is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brett A. and Tonya Myers of Battle Creek, Mich., and Kurtis Myers of Toledo; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard E. and Donna Myers of Bryan; and three granddaughters, Ashley, Gabrielle and Hailey.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Gerald Myers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Congregational United Church of Christ with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating.

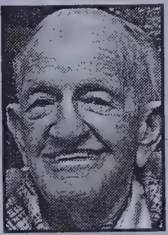
Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Edon Union Cemetery, Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to the church.

Charles Bachelor

ORLAND — Charles E. Bachelor, 88, of Orland died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at his Orland home.


Mr. Bachelor

Mr. Bachelor was a farmer.

He was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and Orland Masonic Lodge.

He was born Oct. 31, 1919, in Angola to Paul and Bessie (LaSalle) Bachelor. They are deceased.

He married Mary E. "Libby" (Agner) Bachelor on Aug. 31, 1942. She survives in Orland.

Also surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, John and Lynn Bachelor of Toledo, Ohio; two grandchildren, Jennie and Erica Bachelor of Toledo; and one sister, Dorothy Twitchell.

He was preceded in death by one son, Donald A. "Donnie" Bachelor, who died July 30, 2007; two brothers, Max and Harold Bachelor; and one sister, Betty Graham.

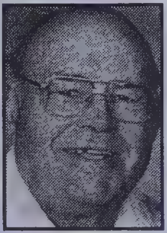
Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday and 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and Cameron Hospital and Home Health.

Melvin Greensides

BRISTOL — Melvin E. Greensides, 79, of Bristol died at 5:14 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.


Mr. Greensides

Mr. Greensides was a farmer and had worked in Middlebury for Kurch Lumber, Weyerhaeuser and Middlebury Grain.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and had been a member of the American Legion Post 210 in Middlebury for 39 years.

He was born July 9, 1928, in Bristol to William and Anna (Bloss) Greensides. He married Kathryn Mauck on Jan. 2, 1954, in Middlebury. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and their wives, Richard and Leslie Greensides, Dale and Debbie Greensides, James and Laura Greensides and William Greensides, all of Bristol; two daughters, Janet and John Kauffman and Nancy and Robert Kindel, all of Bristol; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Vera Cripe of Valley Center, Calif.

He was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Faith Greensides, and a brother, Howard Greensides.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Ted Eash officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery, White Pigeon, Mich. Military graveside services will be conducted by American Legion Post 210.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Send condolences to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Karl Clark

ALBION — Karl L. Clark, 62, of Albion died Tuesday, April 15, 2008 while attending the Shetland Sheep Dog Show in Greeley, Colo.

Mr. Clark had lived in Albion for over 35 years, moving in May of 1973 from Brook, Ind. He was a 1972 graduate of Purdue University, obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics. He was a member of the Gamma Rho Fraternity.

He was employed as the district director of the United States Department of Agriculture for several years.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion Masonic Lodge 97, Mizpah Shrine and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

He loved showing his Shetland sheep dogs, hunting and fishing.

He was born Oct. 2, 1946, in Rensselaer to Karl Arthur and Margaret (Lohr) Clark. His father preceded him in death and his mother, Margaret Clark Brant, survives in Brook.

Also surviving are two sons, Kyle Clark of Albion and Kerry Clark of Latrobe, Pa.; one grandson, Carson Clark of Latrobe, Pa.; one brother, Wayne Clark of Remington; and two sisters, Karen Stutzman of Mishawaka and Marcia Monroe of Idyllwild, Calif.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. A Masonic service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. by Albion Masonic Lodge 97.

MaryEtta Zartman

BUTLER — MaryEtta Zartman, 59, died Friday, April 18, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zartman was a homemaker.

She was born to Chester E. and Garnet B (Light) Kelley in Grant County.

She married Allen E. Zartman on July 27, 1975, in Salem. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Adam Zartman of Butler; two sisters and brothers-in-law, LeAnna and Lyle Hood of Florida and Sharon Lee and Larry Long of Anderson; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ronald and Nancy Zartman of Williamsport, Pa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Garnetta J. Zartman.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Life Changing Realities Fellowship in Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastors Brian Adams and Eric Burkhardt officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials are to her church, Gideons International society or the American Diabetes Association.

R. Stan Emerick

SYRACUSE — Funeral services for longtime Kendallville attorney R. Stan Emerick, 86, of Syracuse will be at 2 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Muller officiating.

Mr. Emerick

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

There will be no visitation.

Mr. Emerick died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 7:25 a.m. in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had been with the Emerick & Diggins Law Firm in Kendallville since 1950.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Kendallville Public Library.

Send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Ella Miller

LIGONIER — Ella Marie Miller, 97, of Ligonier died Friday, April 18, 2008, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen, after a three-month illness.

Mrs. Miller was a lifetime resident of Ligonier and a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church where she served as the organist for over 50 years.

She was also past president of the Business and Professional Women in Ligonier and the Ligonier Historical Society.

Mrs. Miller was employed by Wilkinson Quilt Co., Ligonier High School as a secretary, Dr. Quintin Stultz and Sroufe Manufacturing in Ligonier.

She was born June 17, 1910, in Ligonier to Archie E. and Cora (Seager) Snyder.

She married Walter Kitson in Nappanee on Jan. 10, 1932. He died in 1942. She then married Robert B. Miller on Feb. 12, 1964, in Ligonier. He also preceded her in death in 1977.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, James Lamar and Nancy Kitson of Goshen; two stepsons, Jerry Lee Miller of Goshen and Robert Dale Miller of Jeffersonville; one stepdaughter and her spouse, Mary Lou and Scott Hayden of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Shirley Durham, and one sister, Frances Robinson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Beth O'Donnell-Graves

CLIFF, N.M. — Beth Ann O'Donnell-Graves, 53, of Cliff died Saturday, March 15, 2008, following a year-and-a-half battle with leukemia.

Surviving are her husband, Allen Graves of Cliff; a son, Wyatt Graves of Cliff; her mother, Mary Alice (Green) O'Donnell of St. Helena, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Shannon and John Difilippo of Napa, Calif.; a brother, Tim O'Donnell of Juneau, Alaska; and a half brother and his wife, Craig and Karen Munk of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tom O'Donnell in 2007.

Memorial services were held March 28 in Cliff.

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Great dad was admired, loved

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Terry Crabill and his wife, Julie, are seated in front of their son and daughter, Stuart and Shannon, and Shannon's husband, Nick Scheumann, right. Mr. Crabill's life was cut short when he was killed in a snowmobile accident in February.

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Terry Crabill, family man, industrious foundryman

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AUBURN — A strong, masculine outdoorsman, Terry Crabill broke down and cried tears of joy when he found out he was going to become a grandpa for the first time this summer.

But tragically, it was not to be.

Crabill died in a snowmobile accident Feb. 26. He was 53.

"I am deeply saddened that he will not be here for the birth of my child, and that my child will never know the man who would have been the best grandfather ever," said Terry's daughter, Shannon Scheumann of Auburn.

"I only hope to be as great a father, when the time comes, as my dad was to me," said Stuart Crabill, Terry's son.

Nearly 1,000 people lined up and waited hours at the church to pay their respects and share their memories of Terry Crabill.

Terry was industrious from a young age, but never seemed to want for more. He had a rare gift of being able to truly appreciate what he had and enjoy the wonder of everyday moments with family and friends.

He was born July 3, 1954, to Alva and Bonnie Crabill of Butler. He was their first child and was followed 21 months later by Sally, then Penny and twins Doug and Jeri.

Terry was always concerned and caring when it came to his younger siblings, according to sister, Sally Hoeppner of Berne.

"He always had projects for us to do when he was a boy," Hoeppner remembers. "He would take our wagon and collect potatoes or corn, and then dad would let us sell the food and keep the money."

Sally chokes up when recalling the nickname Terry gave her as a child — "Saffy."

"He always looked after us. If he got a cookie, then he got one for 'Saffy,' too," she said.

In adolescence, during visits to his grandmother's home in Garrett, Terry would scour the city's alleys, collecting soda bottles that he later traded in for two cents each.

That's where he first met Bob Christlieb. The two became buddies and remained close until the day Terry died.

"I had an older brother who used to take the bottles from Terry," Christlieb said. "I told my brother to leave him alone, he was a nice guy."

After graduating — Terry from DeKalb High School in 1973 and Bob from Garrett in 1972 — both went to work at Auburn Foundry in management positions. Terry worked there 35 years until the foundry closed and then became president of Core Ventures in Fort Wayne.

He also was treasurer of the American Foundry Society, secretary of the Midwest Regional Conference of Foundrymen and a member of the Shifters Car Club and Jaycees. He was active at his church, the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn.

"He was a hard worker," Christlieb said. "He was always doing something."

The two men took a trip to Florida together when Christlieb's father was dying of cancer.

"It was an emotional trip," Christlieb said. "There aren't many friends you can shed tears with, but Terry was one of those friends. He was just a super guy."

Terry loved the outdoors. When he wasn't working for his company, he was working at home or at play. Some of his favorite activities included working on cars or odd jobs around the house and yard, water skiing, boating, camping, snowmobiling, camping and gardening.

It was always safety first, in whatever he did — inside or outside. That's why the family was upset by a report issued by law enforcement officials that said Terry was going at a high rate of speed and was airborne at the time of his snowmobile accident.

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TRIBUTE: *He had a strong bond with daughter, son*

That was not like him at all, family members and friends said. Stuart was with his dad at the time of the accident, and said his dad was neither going fast nor airborne, as reports said.

"He was never reckless," Scheumann said. "The handlebars (of the snowmobile) hit him in just the right spot on his chest to cause enough damage to immediately end his life."

Terry and Julie met in high school and fell in love. They married June 18, 1977, and had a storybook relationship. They both loved the rock group Styx and attended its concerts whenever possible.

His kids knew when their dad was home because they could hear the rhythmic thumping of the bass blaring on his SUV's stereo in the driveway. Terry had all the Styx CDs and would stay in the driveway, crank the volume, and listen to the entire song before coming into the house.

The week before her father died, Shannon and her husband, Nick, were having dinner with him, when suddenly Terry asked if they realized that he was surrounded by his favorite things in life. He pointed to his wedding band, indicating his love for Julie, to his shirt with snowmobile graphics, to his Colts coat and his Styx hat and then to the ice cream he was eating. Everyone who knew Terry knew of his love of ice cream.

Just before Shannon married, she discovered her father crying in the garage. He said he was not ready to let her go. They went to dinner together at a lake restaurant in Angola — just the two of them — and had a wonderful evening, a memory that Shannon will treasure forever, she said.

"One touch was all I needed to know, You were the one for me, my fate and my destiny ... "

'Paradise' by Styx
A favorite song of the late Terry Crabill

With his son, Stuart, who is a student at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, Terry shared his love of cars and music, and they spent a great deal of time together and had a strong father-son bond. They bought a 1968 Chevelle at a Kruse International auction and restored it together.

But mostly what Terry shared with his children was a deep respect and love for their mother.

On the couple's 30th anniversary, Terry went to a local jeweler and ordered a engraved watch and matching earrings for his beloved wife. Unbeknownst to him, Julie visited the same jeweler, ordering Terry a new wedding band engraved with the words from their favorite Styx song, "You are My Paradise, Happy 30th anniversary."

Their children surprised their parents with a limousine ride to their favorite restaurant, complete with a CD of their favorite songs from 1977. When they returned home, the entire house was lit with candles, and in one room there was a replica of their original wedding cake and wedding flowers, along with a bottle of champagne.

"He loved his family and friends and work," Julie said. "He was truly a godly man with a giving spirit."

"Cause paradise is any place where I can be with you, And leave behind the sorrow and the pain that I've been through, Safe in your arms, Safe from the world tonight, For you are my paradise ..."
— Styx

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Nelda Cummins

ROME CITY — Nelda Maxine (Rowlison) Cummins, 77, of Rome City died Friday, April 18, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Cummins was a homemaker and had worked several years in the housekeeping department of McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville. She was a member of the Rome City United Methodist Church. Her hobbies were crocheting and jigsaw puzzles.

Mrs. Cummins

She was born May 24, 1930, in Stroh to Justus Floyd and Ersel (Deal) Rowlison.

She married Clarence Christopher Cummins on Aug. 15, 1952, in Stroh. He died Oct. 2, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marianne and Samuel Slone of Rome City and Tina and Russell "Dion" Hippenhammer of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald "Skip" and Jackie Rowlison of Stroh, Donald and Tonya Cummins of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Harold and Connie Cummins of Rome City; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Wanda Amburgey of Stroh and Arvilla Castner of West Otter Lake.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Dorothy Mapes, Nordell VanZile, Doris Hardesty and Beverly Rowlison, and four brothers, John, Floyd, Tim and Justus Eugene "Buck" Rowlison.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice, Orange Township Fire Department, Rome City United Methodist Church, American Diabetes Association or American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Annabell Crowder

KENDALLVILLE — Annabell Crowder, 82, of Kendallville died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Crowder was employed with Messenger Corp. in Auburn until she was 70. She loved to sing, play the piano and spend time with her great-nieces and nephews.

She was born April 27, 1925, in Auburn to William John and Dessie Mae (Whitman) Diehm.

She married Waldo Crowder on Jan. 14, 1961. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sisters, Garcile Brandeberry of Corunna and Ruby McCann of Stroh; 12 nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews; a stepdaughter, Mildred Schum of Jasper; and seven stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Diehm; and two sisters, Lucille Dickerhoff and Estell Marks.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. James A. Caudill officiating. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home

Condolences may be sent at hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Cooper

AUBURN — Robert "Larry" Cooper, 64, of Auburn, died Friday, April 18, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Cooper was a toolmaker. He most recently owned and operated R & V Tools in Auburn.

He was born March 12, 1944, in Whitley County, to Robert Earl and Elizabeth (Orcutt) Cooper.

He married Virginia Rose Shipe on April 11, 1970, in Auburn. She died Dec. 3, 2006.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Tami Britton of New Haven and Donald and Dee Brotton of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters and a spouse, Ginger and Edward Kennedy of Garrett and Tommie Llinas of Encino, Calif.; his stepmother, Dortha Mae Marsh in Columbia City; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jerry and Charlene Cooper of Fort Wayne, Roger Cooper of Huntington, Steve and Jeannine Gradeless of Dublin, Ohio, and H. Chuck Cooper of Hilliard, Ohio; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Bill Foster of Reno, Nev., R. Lynn Wood of Fort Wayne and Cindy and Dale Conner of Altamont, ill.

Services will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett at a later date. Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is handling arrangements.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide corrected information from the funeral home.*

Charles E. Bachelor

ORLAND — Charles E. Bachelor, 88, of Orland, died Thursday, April 17, at his home.

Mr. Bachelor

Mr. Bachelor was a farmer on his own farm. He was a member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and the Orland Masonic Lodge.

He was born Oct. 31, 1919, in Angola to Paul and Bessie (LaSalle) Bachelor.

He married Mary E. Agner on Aug. 31, 1942. She survives in Orland.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Lynn Bachelor of Toledo, Ohio; two grandchildren, Jennie and Erica Bachelor of Toledo; and a sister, Dorothy Twitchell.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald "Donnie" Bachelor, on July 30, 2007; two brothers, Max and Harold Bachelor; and a sister, Betty Graham.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church and Cameron Hospice and Home Health Care.

Muriel Clark

ANGOLA — Muriel S. Clark, 94, of Angola, died Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at her home.

She was a teacher in Dowagiac, Mich., for 34 years, retiring in 1976. She had begun teaching in a one-room schoolhouse.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. She was named the 2005 National Volunteer of the Year by the Assisted Living Federation of America for her role in a recycling project for area schools.

She was born May 8, 1913, in Chicago to William and Matilda (Schars) Schleif.

She married Franklin Clark on Jan. 28, 1933. He died June 5, 1938.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Patricia Clark of Angola; five grandchildren and a spouse, Mary Clark of Fort Wayne, Kathleen Clark of Westfield, Donna and Mary Wukasch of Davie, Fla., and Michele and Kristen Clark of Angola; and two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Lily Wukasch of Davie, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Schleif.

Services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac, Mich.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling arrangements.

Otto Melcher

NEW HAVEN — Otto H. Melcher Jr., 84, of New Haven, died Friday, April 18, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Melcher retired in 1986 after 17 years with B.F. Goodrich Co.

Mr. Melcher

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church — Gar Creek. When he moved, he helped to organize the choir at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Pretty Lake.

He was the son of the late Otto and Clara (Knipstein) Melcher Sr.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Marie; two sons and daughters-in-law; William and Patti Melcher of Walaka, Fla., and Terry and Linda Melcher of Woodburn; a sister, Geraldine Strasser of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Herbert, Ervin, and Gerald Melcher; and a sister; Annita Werling.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Haven. The Rev. Lewis Stier will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in New Haven.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home in New Haven and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Worship for Shut-Ins.

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Betty Newkirk

NEW HAVEN — Betty Eileen Newkirk, 76, of New Haven died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Newkirk

Mrs. Newkirk was a homemaker and had worked at Indiana Bell as a service representative in Kendallville for five years. She had been a volunteer at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne since 1978. She was a member of the Tri Kappa Sorority and had resided in New Haven since 1976.

She was born June 1, 1931, in Kendallville to A.W. and Margaret G. (Henderson) Scott.

She married Jack D. Newkirk on June 27, 1953, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tina M. and Robert J. Clark of Fort Wayne; a son, Jeffrey Newkirk of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Scott Newkirk, Jessica Newkirk, Alex Newkirk, Megan Clark and Madison Clark; and two brothers, Raymond Scott of Kendallville and Donald Scott of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. Ron Collins officiating.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Velma Rose

FORT WAYNE — Velma M. Rose, 92, died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Heritage Park Health Care Center.

Mrs. Rose

Mrs. Rose retired from General Electric Co. on May 1, 1977, after more than 37 years of service. She was a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church, past recording secretary of 901 IUE AFL-CIO, and a life member of Elex. She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a brother, Robert Rose of Fort Wayne; four nieces, two nephews; six great-nieces; four great-nephews; and several great-great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m.at the funeral home.

James Godwin

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — James B. Godwin, 60, of Charleston, S.C., died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at a hospital in Charleston.

Mr. Godwin was a conductor on the CSX Railroad. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. He was a Green Beret and served in the Special Forces.

He was a member of the Elks, Special Forces Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and United Transportation Union. He attended the University of South Carolina. He was the subject of a Memorial Day television feature for keeping a promise to a dying friend to find his mother, which took 13 years.

He is survived by four sons, Adam Godwin of Fort Wayne, Aaron Godwin of Charleston, Graham Shelby of Louisville, Ky., and Jason Sykes of Charlotte, N.C.; a sister Julie Old of Portsmith, Va.; two brothers, Jerry and Paul Godwin, both of Charleston, and seven grandchildren.

Services will be held Monday at Carolina Memorial Funeral Chapel in Charleston.

Memorials are to Park Circle Presbyterian Church in North Charleston.

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Mary Lammers

NEW CLEVELAND, Ohio — Mary E. Lammers, 89, of New Cleveland, Ohio, died Friday, April 18, 2008, at Putnam Arces Care Center in Ottawa, Ohio.

Mrs. Lammers was retired from the Putnam Arces Care Center. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in New Cleveland, its Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Ladies of Columbia.

She was born Nov. 2, 1918, in Kalida, Ohio, to Albert and Elizabeth (Erhart) Hark.

She married Louis J. Lammers on June 13, 1942. He died May 24, 1997.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, David and Ruth Lammers of Ottawa, Donald And Sharon Lammers, and Douglas and Patricia Lammers, all of Leipsic, Ohio, and Louis and Carol Lammers Jr. of Manila, Ark.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Dennis Haselman of Swanton, Ohio; Virginia Kula of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Marti and John Pepple of Auburn; 23 grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; 31 great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and a sister, Louise Schmenk of Leipsic.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Schumaker; two brothers, Wilfred and Charles Hark; a great-grandchild; and one step-grandchild.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in New Cleveland, with the Rev. Mel Verhoff and the Rev. Robert DeSloover officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Love Funeral Home in Ottawa.

Memorials are to the Putnam County Hospice or Putnam Arces Care Center.

Condolences may be sent at lovefuneralhome.com.

Carole Davenport

GARRETT — Carole A. Davenport, 69, of Garrett, died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Davenport worked in the Ball Brass factory in Auburn, retiring in 1994.

She was a Garrett resident since 1962.

She was born Aug. 23, 1938, in Paulding, Ohio, to Charles and Cecile (Wieble) Bland. She married Larry K. Davenport on June 23, 1962, in Payne, Ohio. He died on June 25, 1988.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, William Wheeler of Antwerp, Ohio, Larry Jr. and Beth Davenport of Paulding and Brian and Michelle Davenport of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kendra and Mitch Boyd of Garrett and Dawn and Dale Parrot of Quincy, Mich.; a brother, Arnold Bland of Defiance, Ohio; two sisters, Anna Myles and Zada Hunter of Paulding; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers; two half brothers; four sisters; a half sister; and a grandchild.

Services will be held at Circle Cemetery in Hudson at a later date, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information.*

Robert Underwood

FREMONT — Robert Neal "Bob" Underwood, 75, of Lake George, Fremont, and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Underwood was currently the owner of Bubba's Pizza and Bubba's Toledo Street Grill in Fremont. He was owner of and an entertainer at the former The Picker nightclub in Fort Wayne. He formerly worked at the Fort Wayne Parks Department, Dana Corp. and International Harvester. He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

Mr. Underwood

He attended Elmhurst High School and attended college in Chicago. He was a member of Northeastern Lodge 210 F&AM in Fremont, the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne, and the Pokagon Shrine Club. His hobbies included fishing, boating, flying and the lake, jazz, country music and playing the guitar.

He was born March 16, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Hugh and Edna (Selch) Underwood.

He married Wilma "Billie" (Taner) Lamson Underwood in Fort Wayne on March 14, 1971. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Kathleen and Kurt Westman of Roanoke and Sharleen Torres of Fort Wayne; his former wife and the mother of Kathleen and Sharleen, Dorothy (Cimini) Williams of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Shanon, Kristin, Jade, Lindsay and Ryan; four stepchildren and spouses, Craig and Debbie Lamson of Fort Wayne, Ceil and Steve Murphy, and Curt and Erin Lamson, all of Colorado, and Christy and Tim Angel of Coldwater, Mich.; seven stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat grandchild.

He was preceded in death two sisters and one brother.

Services will be at noon Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of the Fremont post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriner's Hospitals for Children or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent at beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Lewis Smith

HUNTERTOWN — Lewis Fred Smith, 83, of Huntertown died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at 6:07 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith

He had been a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for the past 1 1/2 years.

Mr. Smith built and owned Willow Ridge Golf Course in Huntertown from 1968-1984.

He was born Jan. 21, 1925, in Huntertown to Almon and Fredonna (Dunten) Smith.

On Oct. 1, 1944, in Fort Wayne, he married Lavern McBride. She preceded him in death.

His second wife, Betty Smith, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Russ Bowers of Huntertown; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Cheryl Smith of Huntertown and Fred and Judy Smith of Churubusco; a sister, Mardell Messman of Huntertown; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A granddaughter, Tammy Smith, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home,1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society.

To sign an online guestbook or send a condolence, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Ella Foster

COLDWATER, Mich., — Ella Leona Foster, 87, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Fremont, died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mrs. Foster

Mrs. Foster was a homemaker, and provided child care for many years in Coldwater.

She was a 1939 graduate of Fremont High School, and lived just outside of Fremont before moving. In addition to her family, she was interested in crocheting, jigsaw puzzles, mushroom hunting, and camping.

She was born Jan. 9, 1921, in Fremont to Riley Earl and Clara Mae (Reppert) Northam.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Bill Noyes of Fremont, Barbara and Daniel Hanna of Union City, Mich., and Robin Hissey of Mishawaka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Jean Huss of Fremont, and David and Randi Huss of Coldwater; an "adopted daughter" and spouse, Cheryl and Greg Beer of Fremont; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Willa Durnell of Fremont; several nieces and nephews; and a special caregiver.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Marie Huss, in 1976; two sisters, Dorothy Champion and Vera Moser; and a brother, Raymond Northam.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, with the Rev. Abe Prater officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Maple Lawn Medical Care and Rehabilitation Center in Coldwater.

Raymond Duerk

COLDWATER, Mich. — Raymond "Ray" Duerk, 87, of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Patricia Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia Parker, 59, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 20, 2008.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Audry Grieser

ANGOLA — Audry Grieser, 81, of Angola died Friday, April 18, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Grieser was a homemaker. She was also a substitute teacher for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County and Prairie Heights Schools.

She was a member of Angola Christian Church, Francis Elliott Clark Music Club, Scottish Cultural Society of Fort Wayne, Angola Civic Theater and Sigma Alpha Iota.

She was born July 20, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Raymond and Mary Elaine (MacRae) Stark. She married Paul Grieser on June 28, 1947. He survives in Angola.

She is also survived by two sons, Paul David Grieser of Leavenworth, Tenn., and Dr. Peter Grieser of Tacoma, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Drusilla and Todd Coggeshall of Phelps, N.Y.; six grandchildren, Bevin Lynn and Bonnie Coggeshall, Peter Grieser Jr., and Brandon, Alexus and Zachary Grieser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Angola Christian Church with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and the Audry MacRae Grieser Music Scholarship.

Ruth Easterday

SPRING LAKE, Mich. — Ruth (Teegardin) Easterday, 95, of Spring Lake, Mich., formerly of Zeeland, Mich., died Friday, April 18, 2008.

Mrs. Easterday worked as a nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She later worked at her husband's CPA office in Kokomo.

She was a former member of the local United Methodist Church.

She was born Jan. 26, 1913, in Steuben County. She married Lavaughn A. Easterday. He died in 1997.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Terry Agal of Muskegon, Mich.; and two granddaughters, Betsy and Kimberly Agal.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Ross, in 1967.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Kokomo, with the Rev. Steven Agal officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be held at her daughter's home in Muskegon Sunday at 2 p.m.

Memorials are to InterService USA.

Yntema Funeral Home in Zeeland is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.yntemafh.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct an error.*

Muriel Clark

ANGOLA — Muriel S. Clark, 94, of Angola died Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at her home.

She was a teacher in Dowagiac, Mich., for 34 years, retiring in 1976. She had begun teaching in a one-room schoolhouse.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. She was named the 2005 National Volunteer of the Year by the Assisted Living Federation of America for her role in a recycling project for area schools.

She was born May 8, 1913, in Chicago to William and Matilda (Schars) Schleif.

She married Franklin Clark on Jan. 28, 1933. He died June 5, 1938.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Patricia Clark of Angola; five grandchildren and two spouses, Mary Clark of Fort Wayne, Kathleen Clark of Westfield, Donna and Matt Wukasch of Davie, Fla., and Michele and Kristen Clark of Angola; and two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Lily Wukasch of Davie, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Schleif.

Services will be at a later date. Burial will be at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac, Mich.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling arrangements.

Raymond Duerk

COLDWATER, Mich. — Raymond Herman Duerk, 87, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Defiance, Ohio, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Duerk

Mr. Duerk was a carpenter, working at Tenzer Lumber, Stock Construction, Skelly Oil and Wolfrum Builders, as well as being self-employed in construction. He served in the Air Force Engineers during World War II in the Pacific, and earned several ribbons and two battle stars.

He was a 57-year member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church where he served on many committees. He served on the Summer Association board of directors and co-chaired the remodeling of the church. He was a life member of V.F.W. Post No. 3360, and American Legion Post No. 117, both in Defiance, Ohio. He was interested in growing flowers and singing barber-shop. He was known for his "Valentine Candy."

He was born May 17, 1920, in Defiance, to Herman and Clara (Ludwig) Duerk. He married D. Helen Schliesser on Nov. 20, 1940. She survives in Coldwater.

He is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Lou and Tom Towers of Crossville, Tenn., and JoAnne Holman of Van Wert, Ohio; five grandchildren and three spouses, Wendy Towers, David and Kathy Towers, Dean Towers, Carole and Trent Motycka, and Kris and Matt Dunlap; and nine great-grandchildren, Marissa and Leanne Branam, Jon and Joe Lisa, Nick and Drew Motycka, Madeline Towers, Joe Towers and Jackson Dunlap.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Wolfrum and Ruth Roehrs; a son-in-law, John C. Rush; and a great-grandson, David K. Towers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church in Fremont, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, with military committal services by the Fremont American Legion.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Eli Burkholder

LAGRANGE — Eli M. Burkholder, 91, of LaGrange died Tuesday April 22, 2008, at his residence.

He was a retired farmer and a harness maker.

Mr. Burkholder moved to the LaGrange area in 1950 from Holmes County, Ohio.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born on May 7, 1916, in Middlefield, Ohio, to Mose E. and Martha (Hershberger) Burkholder. He married Esther Yutzy on Oct. 3, 1940. She preceded him in death on March 16, 1972. On Feb. 16, 1976, he married Mary Ann Beachy. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 1983. On Oct. 1, 1988, he married Katie Mast in Etna Green. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a son and a daughter-in-law, Manas and Mabel Burkholder of LaGrange; two daughters and son-in-laws, Mary and Lewie Miller of Seymour, Mo.; Martha and Carroll Shaklee of Fort Madison, Iowa.; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Miller of Middlefield, Ohio, and Emma Byler of Smicksburg, Pa.; and a brother, Manas Burkholder of Wilton, Wis.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Monroe Bontrager residence, 2585 S. C.R. 200E, LaGrange with Bishop Levi Raber and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the Monroe Bontrager residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Betty Schmucker

SYRACUSE — Betty L. Schmucker, 77, of Syracuse died at 12:26 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2008, at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Mrs. Schmucker was a homemaker and had served as a den mother with the Cub Scouts.

Mrs. Schmucker

She was a member of New Salem Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Schmucker was a gifted seamstress.

She was born March 16, 1931, in Inwood, Ind., to Albert and Goldie (Cooper) Magner. Her mother survives in Elkhart. She married Freeman Schmucker on Aug. 28, 1953. He survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cindy and Jerry Yoder of Etna Green and Patty and Tim Seman of Wawaka; four sons, Michael and Cathy Schmucker of Nappanee, Terry and Kim Schmucker of Winter Haven, Fla., Dennis and Penny Schmucker of Elkhart and Randy and Stephanie Schmucker of Warsaw; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters, Mary Zablocki, Helen Parson, Gloria Woodruff, Sandy Dash, Trudy Dudley and Judy Zimmerman; and two brothers, Jack Magner and Arley "Bud" Magner.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Zimmer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at New Salem Church of the Brethren, corner of C.R. 900N and C.R. 250E, Milford, with Pastor Robert Rice and Pastor Larry Rice officiating. Burial will be in South Union Cemetery at Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to mishlerfuneralhome.com.

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Christy Gingerich

LAGRANGE — Christy J. "Crist" Gingerich, 92, of LaGrange died at 2:25 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Gingerich

Mr. Gingerich was a farmer and bought and sold horses. For more than 30 years he had bought the horses for the carriage tours on Mackinac Island.

He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

He was born July 10, 1915, in Kokomo to John and Lydia (Hershberger) Gingerich. He married Viola Bontrager on Feb. 11, 1937, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Betty and John Graber of Middlebury and Ida Mae Gingerich of Osceola; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe, Joas, Albert, Abe and Eli Gingerich, and three sisters, Emma Hochstetler, Tilly Miller and Mary Miller.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W. U.S. 20, Shipshewana with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to a trust fund in care of First State Bank for his blind great-great-granddaughter, August Christian Haszler.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Norma Thompson

ANGOLA — Norma R. Thompson, 95, Angola, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. Thompson worked at the Kroger Grocery store, W.R. Thomas Variety store and the Redwood Motel in Angola.

She was a member of Angola Christian Church, a Red Cross volunteer and helped build Friendship Park, among other volunteer work.

She was born Aug. 16, 1912, in Maroa, Ill., to James and Nellie (Clough) Tozer. She married Noble Thompson on Feb. 2, 1937. He died Oct. 1, 1967.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert Thompson of California, Larry and Linda Thompson of Yorktown, James and Kathryn Thompson of Arab, Ala., and John and Chyrie Thompson of Greenwood; a daughter, Marna Cimbal of Angola; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Council on Aging.

Vicky Strong

TIPTON — Vicky Storms Strong, 61, of Tipton died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Strong worked in medical transcription and was an instructor in medical transcription at Ivy Tech State College. She graduated from Tipton High School in 1964 and attended Ball State University from 1964 through 1968. She was a member of the Kokomo First Church of the Nazarene.

She was born July 10, 1946, in Kokomo to Wayne and Rebecca (Worthington) Graham. Her mother survives in Auburn.

She married Richard Storms on July 9, 1967. He died in 1979.

She married Robert Strong in 1983, and he survives.

Also surviving are two stepchildren, Kristin Prokop of Tipton and Robert Strong Jr. and his wife, Veronica, of Greenwood; four stepgrandchildren, Kate and Andrew Brock of Tipton and Long and Leam Strong of Greenwood; a brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Patti Graham of Schererville; a sister and brother-in-law, Debra and Bill Workman of Auburn; six nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Patricia Black.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kokomo. Pastor Dave Leeder will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 pm. at Porter Funeral Home in Tipton.

Condolences may be sent at porterfh.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Betty Newkirk

NEW HAVEN — Betty Eileen Newkirk, 76, of New Haven died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Newkirk

Mrs. Newkirk was a homemaker and had worked at Indiana Bell as a service representative in Kendallville for five years. She had been a volunteer at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne since 1978. She was a member of the Tri Kappa Sorority and had resided in New Haven since 1976.

She was born June 1, 1931, in Fort Wayne to A.W. and Margaret G. (Henderson) Scott.

She married Jack D. Newkirk on June 27, 1953, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tina M. and Robert J. Clark of Fort Wayne; a son, Jeffrey Newkirk of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Scott Newkirk, Jessica Newkirk, Alex Newkirk, Megan Clark and Madison Clark; and two brothers, Raymond Scott of Kendallville and Donald Scott of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. Ron Collins officiating.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Franklin McCue

RADCLIFF, Ky. — Franklin Eugene McCue, 60, of Radcliff died Friday, April 18, 2008, in Louisville.

Mr. McCue

Mr. McCue was a veteran of the United States Army and a retired mail handler with the U.S. Postal Service.

Surviving are his wife, Pu McCue of Radcliff; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Derry Young of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two sons, Franklin J. "Jimmy" McCue and his companion, Pat Walters, of Avilla and Joe McCue and his companion, Connie Singleton, of Elizabethtown; two brothers, Verne McCue and Danny McCue; a sister, Donna McCue; a sister-in-law, Chong Grubbs; grandchildren, Melissa McCue and Zack McCue, both of Avilla, Brandy McCue, Kayla McCue and Colin Inman, all of Murfreesboro, Nolen Myers, Craig Myers and Amy Myers of Noble County, Jason Walters, James Walters and Jessica Walters of Garrett, Alyssa Liang and Alex Liang, both of Radcliff and CJ Young of Elizabethtown; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theresa and Franklin D. McCue; two brothers, Daniel and David McCue; and a grandmother, Mary Doris Reynolds.

Services were today at Coffey & Chism Funeral Home in Vine Grove, Ky.

Condolences may be sent online to coffeyandchism.com.

Ivan Garwood

FORT WAYNE — Ivan E. Garwood, 90, of Fort Wayne died at 9:52 a.m. Saturday at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Garwood had been a self-employed contractor.

He was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 2, 1917, in Adams County to Alonzo and Leah Garwood. He married Lucille Schaffer on May 23, 1940. She died Sept. 1, 2000.

Surviving are his companion, Mable Schaffer of Fort Wayne; five sons, William and Judy Garwood and Terry and Janet Garwood, all of Leo, Thomas and Pamela Garwood of Angola, James and Donna Garwood of Fort Wayne and Timothy and Tammy Garwood of Springfield, Ill.; five daughters, Barbara and Donald Waidelich of Syracuse, Judy and Larry Burkhart of Avilla, Karen and Arch Cornell of Springfield, Ohio, and Leah and William Borror and Connie and Bob Goll, all of Fort Wayne; 32 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Ivan Garwood Jr. and Daniel Garwood; a daughter, Tanya Smith; three sisters, Treva Clark, Eva Brewster and Vera Smith; and three brothers, Lester, Walter and DeLoyd Garwood.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the 52 Club through Bible Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to zwickjahn.com.

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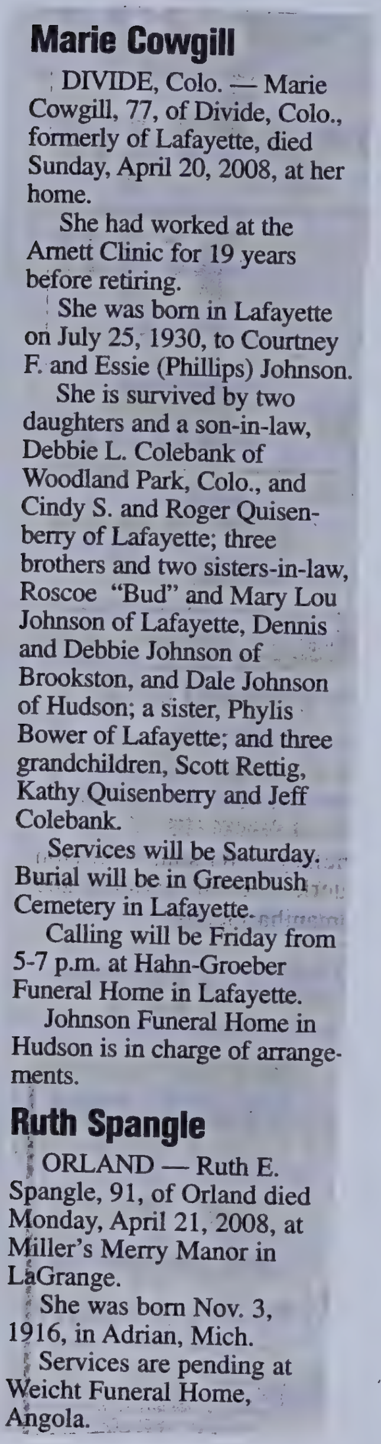


Marie Cowgill

DIVIDE, Colo. — Marie Cowgill, 77, of Divide, Colo., formerly of Lafayette, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at her home.

She had worked at the Arnett Clinic for 19 years before retiring.

She was born in Lafayette on July 25, 1930, to Courtney F. and Essie (Phillips) Johnson.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Debbie L. Colebank of Woodland Park, Colo., and Cindy S. and Roger Quisenberry of Lafayette; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Roscoe "Bud" and Mary Lou Johnson of Lafayette, Dennis and Debbie Johnson of Brookston, and Dale Johnson of Hudson; a sister, Phylis Bower of Lafayette; and three grandchildren, Scott Rettig, Kathy Quisenberry and Jeff Colebank.

Services will be Saturday. Burial will be in Greenbush Cemetery in Lafayette.

Calling will be Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home in Lafayette.

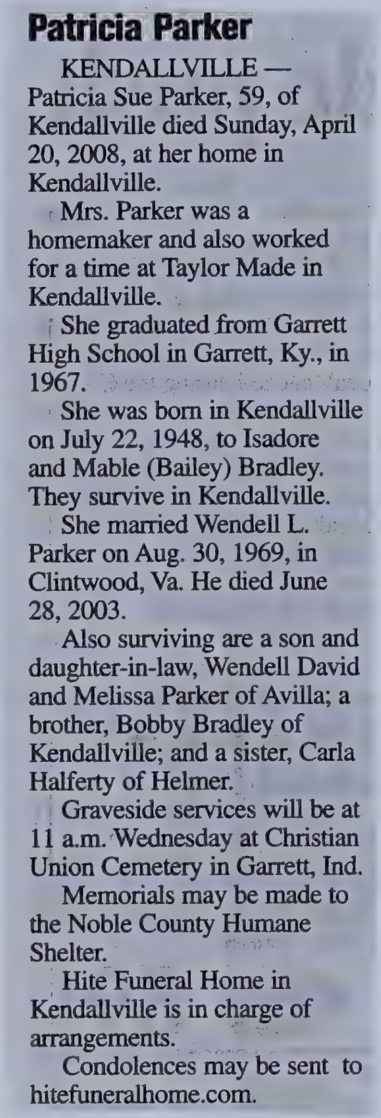
Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Spangle

ORLAND — Ruth E. Spangle, 91, of Orland died Monday, April 21, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She was born Nov. 3, 1916, in Adrian, Mich.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.



Patricia Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia Sue Parker, 59, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Parker was a homemaker and also worked for a time at Taylor Made in Kendallville.

She graduated from Garrett High School in Garrett, Ky., in 1967.

She was born in Kendallville on July 22, 1948, to Isadore and Mable (Bailey) Bradley. They survive in Kendallville.

She married Wendell L. Parker on Aug. 30, 1969, in Clintwood, Va. He died June 28, 2003.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wendell David and Melissa Parker of Avilla; a brother, Bobby Bradley of Kendallville; and a sister, Carla Halferty of Helmer.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, Ind.

Memorials may be made to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

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Amber Mezydlo

GARRETT — Amber Kay Mezydlo, 72, of Westerville, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, died Sunday afternoon, April 20, 2008, at St. Ann's Hospital in Westerville following an extended illness.

Mrs. Mezydlo had been a contract clerk for the Army Corps of Engineers. Her hobbies included the outdoors, reading and bowling. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett.

She was born Dec. 31, 1935, in Wayne County, Ind., to Everett and Bessie (Roberts) Cramer.

Surviving are her husband of 50 years, Edmund "Ed" Mezydlo, a 23-year Air Force serviceman; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Jean Mezydlo of Grand Forks, N.D., and Matt and Shari Mezydlo of Westerville, Ohio; two grandchildren, Jane Marynic and Jesse Mezydlo; and two great-grandchildren, Lilly and Julian Marynic.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. The Rev. Father Andrew Nazareth will officiate. Burial will be in the VA National Cemetery at Marion.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to Department of Neurology, 445 Means Hall, 1654 Upham Drive, Columbus, OH 43210.

To send condolences, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Hugh Stroh

AUBURN — Hugh G. Stroh, 62, of Auburn died Monday, April 21, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Stroh was a lifetime farmer. He was a 1964 graduate of Auburn High School and attended Manchester College. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He was born May 16, 1945, in Auburn to Irvin and Margaret C. (Trovinger) Stroh.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home to help defray funeral costs.

Wuanita Scott

ANGOLA — Wuanita Scott, 91, of Angola died Monday, April 21, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Scott was a Realtor.

She was a lifetime member of the Angola Moose Lodge and the Ladies of Fort Wayne Elks Lodge.

She was born Jan. 15, 1917, in Angola to Frank Johnson and Mary Coffman. She was married to Vernell Scott, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Phil McKinley and Judith Rains of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be today at 2 p.m. at South Scott Cemetery, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Marilyn Hartman

VAN WERT, Ohio — Marilyn S. Hartman, 70, of Van Wert, Ohio, died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 2:40 a.m. at her home.

Mrs. Hartman was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 29, 1937, in Van Wert to Donald and Edith (Boham) Hines.

She married Gary G. Hartman on Dec. 28, 1956, in Van Wert. He survives in Van Wert.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, and Terry and Sandra Hartman of Convoy, Ohio, and Jeff and Tammy Hartman of Ohio City, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Kevin Krick of Monroeville and Tami and Jeff Couts of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Shannon, Cassidy and Courtney Hartman, Tabitha Hartman, Siearra, Saddie and Jazzlyn Smith and Amanda and Brody Couts; and three great-grandchildren, Korbin, Addison and Ayla Hartman.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Donnie and Johnnie Hines, and two sisters, Betty Konkle and Carolyn Seekings; and two grandchildren, Codi Hartman and Toby Tate.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, 722 S. Washington St., Van Wert. The Rev. Paul Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Van Wert.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Community Health Professionals-Hospice Program

Condolences may be sent to agfhc@embarqmail.com.

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William Weaver

COLUMBIA CITY — William P. Weaver, 60, a resident of Upper Long Lake in Noble County, died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Weaver resided in the Columbia City area for many years, in Mishawaka for nine years and moved to his home on Upper Long Lake 10 years ago.

He was employed at Boyd Machine Shop in Wolf Lake. He had previously been employed with Mohawk Flush Door in South Bend for 22 years and then at Columbia City Freight Lines.

Mr. Weaver graduated from South Whitley High School, continued his education at Vincennes University and completed his education at Indiana State University.

Mr. Weaver was a member of Columbia City Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Lodge 1417 and Sons of the American Legion Post 98.

He was born Dec. 25, 1947, in Bremerton, Wash., to Lewis and Mildred (Hartsough) Weaver. He married Pamela S. Beebe on Feb. 29, 1992. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer and Nic Conway of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters, Haley and Novelyn Conway.

An Elks service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Columbia City B.P.O.E. Lodge 1417 conducting the service.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Elks National Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

David Roark

ANGOLA — David Roark, 77, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at his home in Angola.

Born in Saltville, Va., to James A. and Eva Griffey Roark, he was in the trucking business for more than 50 years and was a greeter at Meijer's until 2006.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Moose Lodge in Angola, Butler Eagles and Teamsters Local 414. His hobbies included fishing, casino gambling, story-telling and bluegrass music.

Mr. Roark

He was married to Naomi L. (Lawson) for 49 years. She died in April 1998.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Henry D. and Teresa Roark of Angola and William D. and Janet Roark of Auburn and James A. Roark of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Clemons of Garrett and Noessa "Lynn" and Dan Johnsonbaugh of Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters, Louise Hayden and Bertha Moore, both of Saltville, Va.; a companion, Wava McDonald of Auburn; and his in-laws, Virginia Jones of Indianapolis, Sonya and Vern Wainscott of Auburn, Ed and Jean Faulkner of Waterloo, Jim and Rhoda Cole of Tennessee and Mildred Lawson of Troutville, Va.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Kay; a granddaughter, Lisa Marie Roark; a great-grandson, Noah William Moody; and two brothers, Sam and Jason Roark.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Wade Kestner will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Raymond Duerk

COLDWATER, Mich. — Raymond Herman Duerk, 87, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Defiance, Ohio, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Duerk was a carpenter, working at Tenzer Lumber, Stock Construction, Skelly Oil and Wolfrum Builders, as well as being self-employed in construction. He served in the Air Force Engineers during World War II in the Pacific, and earned several ribbons and two battle stars.

He was a 57-year member of Clear Lake Lutheran Church where he served on many committees. He served on the Summer Association board of directors and co-chaired the remodeling of the church. He was a life member of V.F.W. Post No. 3360, and American Legion Post No. 117, both in Defiance, Ohio. He was interested in growing flowers and singing barbershop. He was known for his "Valentine Candy."

He was born May 17, 1920, in Defiance, to Herman and Clara (Ludwig) Duerk. He married D. Helen Schliesser on Nov. 20, 1940. She survives in Coldwater.

He is also survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Lou and Tom Towers of Crossville, Tenn., and JoAnne Holman of Van Wert, Ohio; five grandchildren and three spouses, Wendy Towers, David and Kathy Towers, Dean Towers, Carole and Trent Motycka, and Kris and Matt Dunlap; and nine great-grandchildren, Marissa and Leanne Branam, Jon and Joe Lisa, Nick and Drew Motycka, Madeline Towers, Joe Towers and Jackson Dunlap.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Wolfrum and Ruth Roehrs; a son-in-law, John C. Rush; and a great-grandson, David K. Towers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church in Fremont, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery, with military committal services by the Fremont American Legion.

Calling will be today from 3 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Joan Emerick

ORLAND — Joan E. (Twitchell) Emerick, 74, of Angola died Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

Mrs. Emerick was a homemaker, then worked at Aro-Ingersoll Rand in Angola, retiring after 29 years. She later worked part-time in the Women, Infants and Children office for eight years.

She collected and read the history of Steuben County, and was proud of her family's place in it. She was interested in cooking, sewing, doing crafts and antique shopping.

She was born Jan. 30, 1934, in Jackson Township to Robert Sr. and Alta (Kelso) Twitchell. She married Clark "Cork" Emerick on Aug. 23, 1953, at the Congregational Church in Orland. He died on Dec. 11, 1990.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Brad and Andrea Emerick of Kokomo, Brent Emerick of Bloomington, and Barry and Kelly Emerick of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Jhonny Cifuentes of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Nicole, Megan, Tyler, Trevor, Joanna, Elyssa, Alexandria, and Kaitlyn; three stepgrandchildren, Travis, Joshua and Jhonthan; and two great-grandchildren, Parker Hancock and Eli Jacques.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Nicholas Alan Emerick in 2005; and three brothers, Roland, Robert and Donald Twitchell.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church or the donor's choice of charity.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 23, 2008, Wednesday

William Bartlow

ANGOLA — William F. Bartlow, 81, died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Barlow was retired from the maintenance department at Tri-State University.

He was born on March 3, 1927, in Angola to Ira Sr. and Mable (Etinger) Bartow. He married Lillian Bartow, who preceded him in death.

Also preceding him in death were a sister, Mary Campbell, and a brother, Jackie Bartow.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

James Bolen

KENDALLVILLE — James Bolen, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in Kendallville.

Mr. Bolen had worked at the Kendallville Foundry 41 years, retiring in 1999.

He had lived in the area most of his life, coming from Kentucky.

Mr. Bolen enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was born July 5, 1932, in Garrett, Ky., to Whitley and Lottie (Frazier) Bolen. His father, Whitley Bolen, and his mother, Lottie Hicks, preceded him in death.

Mr. Bolen

Surviving are his wife, Jerra Collins of Kendallville; two daughters, Becky Hogle and Barbara Latta, both of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, James Whitley and Bonnie Bolen of Waterloo; four grandchildren, Tia Latta, Christopher Hale, Tiffany Hale and Machaela Bolen; two stepgrandchildren, Kara Quinn and Tabby Muniz-Quinn; a sister, Violet Chapman of North Carolina; and three brothers, Inn Bolen of Churubusco, Blanton Bolen of Michigan and Ellis Ray Hicks of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Geraldine Bolen; a sister, Oma Hicks; and two brothers, Clifton Bolen and Shirley Boy Hicks.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 So. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Raymond Warner of Indian Village Church of God in Auburn officiating.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 23, 2008, Wednesday

Karl L. Clark, 62

ALBION - Karl L. Clark, 62, of Albion passed away on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in Greely, CO while attending the Shetland Sheep Dog Show.

Mr. Clark was born on October 2, 1946 in Rensselaer, Indiana to Karl Arthur Clark and Margaret (Lohr) Clark Brant. Mr. Clark is deceased and Mrs. Brant survives in Brook, Indiana.

Mr. Clark was employed as the District Director of the U.S.D.A. for several years.

Mr. Clark was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church. The Albion Masonic Lodge # 97, Mizpah Shrine, Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite.

Mr. Clark loved showing his Shetland sheep dogs, hunting and fishing. He was also a member of the Gamma Rho Fraternity.

Mr. Clark had lived in Albion for over 35 years, moving in May of 1973 from Brook, Indiana. Mr. Clark was a 1972 graduate of Purdue University obtaining his B.S. in Ag - Econ.

Among his survivors include, his mother, two sons; Kyle Clark of Albion and Kerry Clark of Latrobe, PA; one grandson, Carson Clark of Latrobe, PA, one brother, Wayne Clark of Remington, IN; two sisters, Karen Stutzman , of Mishawaka, IN and Marcia Monroe of Idyllwild, CA.

Funeral Services were on April 23, 2008 at the Albion Asbury Methodist Church.

The Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Frances Simmons, 91

LIGONIER - Mary Frances Simmons, 91, of Lincolnway West, Ligonier, died at 4:00 am Wednesday April 16.

She was born Aug 30th, 1916 in Wawaka, IN to Mark and Grace (Caldwell) Kinnison. On September 7, 1939 she married Thad R. Simmons in Noblesville, IN.

Surviving are two daughters; Jean (Charles) May of Lock Haven, PA, and Karen (Stanley) Lemieux of Ligonier, IN; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at J.A. Brazzell-Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to: Care At Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526

Jeffery L. Caldwell, 44

BUTLER — Jeffery L. Caldwell, 44, of Butler died Tuesday, April 15, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Caldwell had worked at DeKalb Molded Plastics and Evans Trucking.

He was born June 6, 1963, in Huntington to Rosalee (Caldwell) Pruitt. She preceded him in death.

He married Ronda Miller on June 29, 1998, in Tennessee, and she survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Josh and Thelma Caldwell of Auburn, Jeffery Caldwell and Cody Caldwell, both of New Braunfels, Texas, and Brent and Linda Miller of Butler; a daughter, Heather Caldwell of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Mike Caldwell of Auburn and David Pruitt of Albion; a sister, Shawna Pruitt of Garrett; two stepchildren, Brandon Collins and Misty Collins, both of Butler; and five grandchildren, Dominique Caldwell, Quintin Saurbeck, Brian Miller, Cedric Collins and Autumn Collins.

Services were April 19, 2008 in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial was in Butler Cemetery.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 23, 2008, Wednesday

Patricia Sue Parker, 59

KENDALLVILLE – Patricia Sue Parker, age 59, of Kendallville died on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at her home in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville, Indiana on July 22, 1948 to Isadore and Mable (Bailey) Bradley.

She graduated from Garrett High School, Garrett, Kentucky in 1967.

She married Wendell L. Parker on August 30, 1969 in Clintwood, Virginia.

She was a homemaker and also worked for a time at Taylor Made in Kendallville.

Survivors include: her parents, Isadore and Mabel Bradley of Kendallville; son and daughter-in-law, Wendell David and Melissa Parker of Avilla; brother, Bobby Bradley of Kendallville; sister, Carla Halferty of Helmer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell L. Parker, who died June 28, 2003

Graveside funeral services were at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, Indiana on April 23, 2008.

Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Gail D. Hursey, 61

LIGONIER – Gail D. Hursey, age 61 of Ligonier, died April 15, 2008, at 2:30 PM in Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Gail was born on February 3, 1947 in Goshen, the daughter of Graydon & Helen (Smith) Blue

She married Steve Hursey June 23, 1968, he survives.

She with her husband owned & operated Hursey Garage & Mercantile in Cromwell for many years.

Gail graduated from Cromwell High School in 1965 and went on to attend Indiana University. She was a Member of Stone's Trace Historical Society and Ligonier Presbyterian Church. Gail will always be remembered as a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Hursey of Ligonier; two daughters, Stephanie (Brent) Montgomery of Ligonier, and Gretchen (Justin) Herbaugh of Huntingburg; one Grandson, Garrett Herbaugh of Huntingburg; two sisters, Joyce Blue of Ligonier and Rita (Don) Dodds both of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Service was April 18, 2008 at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, Ligonier.

Rev. Stanley R. Wilson and Rev. Don Poyser officiated,

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorial Contributions to Stone's Trace Historical Society.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 23, 2008, Wednesday

Franklin McCue, 60

RADCLIFF, Ky. — Franklin Eugene McCue, 60, of Radcliff died Friday, April 18, 2008, in Louisville.

Mr. McCue was a veteran of the United States Army and a retired mail handler with the U.S. Postal Service.

Surviving are his wife, Pu McCue of Radcliff; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela (Derry) Young of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two sons, Franklin J. "Jimmy" McCue and his companion, Pat Walters, of Avilla and Joe McCue and his companion, Connie Singleton, of Elizabethtown; two brothers, Verne McCue and Danny McCue; a sister, Donna McCue; a sister-in-law, Chong Grubbs; grandchildren, Melissa McCue and Zack McCue, both of Avilla, Brandy McCue, Kayla McCue and Colin Inman, all of Murfreesboro, Nolen Myers, Craig Myers and Amy Myers of Noble County, Jason Walters, James Walters and Jessica Walters of Garrett, Alyssa Liang and Alex Liang, both of Radcliff and CJ Young of Elizabethtown; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theresa and Franklin D. McCue; two brothers, Daniel and David McCue; and a grandmother, Mary Doris Reynolds.

Services were April 22, 2008 at Coffey & Chism Funeral Home in Vine Grove, Ky.

Condolences may be sent online to coffeyandchism.com.

Edith Irene Addis, 67

Edith Irene Addis, 67, a resident of Churubusco and wife of Roger L. Addis, died at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17, 2008, at the family residence. She had been in failing health for the past 15 months.

Born in Fort Wayne on Sept. 4, 1940, a daughter of Carl and Louise (Johnson) Ditton, she spent her formative years at Wolf Lake where she graduated from high school in 1958.

She was married to Roger L. Addis in Churubusco on June 6, 1962. The couple lived in LaOtto for a period and have resided in Churubusco since 1968.

As a young woman she had worked in the offices for several area chiropractors and later worked more than 10 years at Power Wheels in Fort Wayne. Later in life she went back to school and earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood development from IPFW. She had worked for 10 years with CANI in the Allen and Whitley County areas.

She worked as a teacher at the Churubusco Child Care Center for five years until ill health forced her to retire in 2006.

She was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

In addition to her husband, Roger, she is survived by three children, Karen (Ed) Harpel of LaOtto, Tim (Diane) Addis of Albion and Patricia Percey of Indianapolis; her step-mother, Mary Ditton of Dunfee; three sisters, Judy Oglesby, Jeanie Shirley and Denise (Rob) Grissom, all of Ocala, Fla.; a brother, Ronald Hunter of Ohio; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Ray and a granddaughter.

The funeral service was at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Tyler Ward of LaOtto Wesleyan Church officiating. Interment was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Addis Family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family in Mrs. Addis' memory by logging on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 23, 2008, Wednesday

Ivan Garwood, 90

FORT WAYNE — Ivan E. Garwood, 90, of Fort Wayne died at 9:52 a.m. Saturday at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Garwood had been a self-employed contractor.

He was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born May 2, 1917, in Adams County to Alonzo and Leah Garwood. He married Lucille Schaffer on May 23, 1940. She died Sept. 1, 2000.

Surviving are his companion, Mable Schaffer of Fort Wayne; five sons, William and Judy Garwood and Terry and Janet Garwood, all of Leo, Thomas and Pamela Garwood of Angola, James and Donna Garwood of Fort Wayne and Timothy and Tammy Garwood of Springfield, Ill.; five daughters, Barbara and Donald Waidelich of Syracuse, Judy and Larry Burkhart of Avilla, Karen and Arch Cornell of Springfield, Ohio, and Leah and William Borror and Connie and Bob Goll, all of Fort Wayne; 32 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sons, Ivan Garwood Jr. and Daniel Garwood; a daughter, Tanya Smith; three sisters, Treva Clark, Eva Brewster and Vera Smith; and three brothers, Lester, Walter and DeLoyd Garwood.

Services were held April 23, 2008 at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial took place in Decatur Cemetery.

Memorials are to the 52 Club through Bible Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Betty Schmucker 77

SYRACUSE — Betty L. Schmucker, 77, of Syracuse died at 12:26 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2008, at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Mrs. Schmucker was a homemaker and had served as a den mother with the Cub Scouts.

She was a member of New Salem Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Schmucker was a gifted seamstress.

She was born March 16, 1931, in Inwood, Ind., to Albert and Goldie (Cooper) Magner. Her mother survives in Elkhart. She married Freeman Schmucker on Aug. 28, 1953. He survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cindy and Jerry Yoder of Etna Green and Patty and Tim Seman of Wawaka; four sons, Michael and Cathy Schmucker of Nappanee, Terry and Kim Schmucker of Winter Haven, Fla., Dennis and Penny Schmucker of Elkhart and Randy and Stephanie Schmucker of Warsaw; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters, Mary Zablocki, Helen Parson, Gloria Woodruff, Sandy Dash, Trudy Dudley and Judy Zimmerman; and two brothers, Jack Magner and Arley "Bud" Magner.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Zimmer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. April 24, 2008 at New Salem Church of the Brethren, corner of C.R. 900N and C.R. 250E, Milford, with Pastor Robert Rice and Pastor Larry Rice officiating. Burial will be in South Union Cemetery at Nappanee.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to mishlerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 24, 2008, Thursday

Melvin Anderson

WATERLOO — Melvin Pepple Anderson, 83, of Waterloo died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 9 p.m. at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Anderson had lived in the DeKalb County area since 1928. He worked as a machinist for the B&O Railroad and drove semis hauling Studebakers in South Bend in the 1950s. He also hauled travel trailers for Fan Coach of LaGrange.

He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Corunna and also attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. His passions were playing the harmonica, fishing and attending ice cream socials.

He was born Sept. 9, 1924, in Muskegon, Mich., to Henry and Elsie (Clayton) Anderson.

His mother died in 1928, and at age 12, he was taken in by foster parents Jerry and Luella Pepple of Garrett.

He attended Garrett High School and enlisted in the Navy Reserves, receiving an honorable discharge after six years of service, including World War II.

He married Helen Pankop-Henderson in 1959. She died May 30, 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Barbara Anderson of Waterloo; two grandsons, James Anderson II and Timothy Anderson, both of Waterloo; a foster brother, Harold Pepple of Corunna; two stepdaughters; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a stepson; three sisters, Doris, Emma and Ruth; and a brother, Jim Anderson.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, 2939 C.R. 15, Corunna. Pastor Paul Stauffer will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren food bank or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

To send a condolence or sign an online register, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Gladys Knight

EDON, Ohio — Gladys M. Knight, 98, of Hillside Country Living in Bryan, Ohio, and a former longtime resident of Edon, Ohio, died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan, Ohio, where she had been a patient for one week.

Mrs. Knight

Mrs. Knight was valedictorian of the 1927 graduating class of Metz High School in Steuben County. She lived for 63 years on her family farm in Northwest Township, Ohio, and managed the farm after the death of her husband in 1961.

A homemaker, she also worked at Beam Stream in Montpelier, Ohio. She was a member of Edon United Methodist Church, where she served as Sunday school superintendent for five years.

She was a 70-year member of Northwest Grange 417. Her other memberships included Williams County Pomona Grange, National Grange, Maple Grove 11 Farm Bureau Council, Northwest Township Spic and Span 4-H Club, of which she was a leader for 10 years, and the Williams County 4-H Advisory Board for five years. She had been president of Northwest School Mothers Club (PTA), Edon Homemakers Club and Edon Senior Citizens Club. She was a gardener and a skilled artist, who painted landscapes in oil, watercolor and pastel.

She was born April 26, 1909, in Steuben County to Charles and Clara (Anspaugh) Tingler.

She married Myron W. Knight on Dec. 23, 1931, in Hamilton. He died in 1961.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles M. and Elaine Knight of Hamilton and Aldis M. Knight and Dianne Renner of Lafayette; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy A. and Van Jones of Wilmington, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Virgil Tingler, and one grandson, Van W. Jones III.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in Edon Cemetery

Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Edon United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to and an online register signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 24, 2008, Thursday

Walter Stoll

OSSIAN — Walter A. Stoll, 90, of Ossian died Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Stoll retired from Freuhauf in 1982. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ossian, and the Bluffton post of the American Legion. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was born Dec. 30, 1917, in Garrett to Frederick and Mabel (Rowe) Stoll.

On June 16, 1951, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, he married Marceil Stoll. She survives in Ossian.

Also surviving are a sister, Irma Knapp of Batesville, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, LeRoy Stoll, and a sister, Alma Woodcock.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Ossian, with the Rev. Willam Brege officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery at Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Homes, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Worship for Shut-ins.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to provide additional information.*

William Bartlow

ANGOLA — William F. Bartlow, 81, died Thursday, April 17, 2008, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Bartlow was retired from the maintenance department at Tri-State University.

He was born on March 3, 1927, in Angola to Ira Sr. and Mable (Etinger) Bartlow. He married Lillian Bartlow, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by a brother, Ira Bartlow Jr. of Davenport, Fla., as well as several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were a sister, Mary Campbell, and a brother, Jackie Bartlow.

Graveside services will be today at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Ruth Spangle

ORLAND — Ruth E. Spangle, 91, of Orland died Tuesday, April 21, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Spangle was a homemaker.

She was a former member of the Orland Home Economics Club, the Orland American Legion Auxiliary and was a 4-H leader for 20 years.

She was born Nov. 3, 1916, in Adrian, Mich., to Utley and Lola (Worthington) Parks. She married Henry Spangle on Aug. 28, 1934. He survives in Orland.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Estel and Barbara Spangle of Orland; a daughter, Mary Lewallen of Middlebury; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Merlon Parks, Roscoe and Barbara Parks, Utley Jr. and Joyce Parks, and Dean and Karen Parks, all of Coldwater, Mich.; seven grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Henry Maynard Spangle in 1986; two sisters, Willa Palmateer and Joan Powers; a bother, Vernon Parks; and a great-granddaughter.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Jackson Prairie Cemetery in Steuben County, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 24, 2008, Thursday

Suzanne Chambers

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Suzanne "Sue" F. Chambers, 77, died Sunday, April 13, 2008.

Ms. Chambers was a teacher and served as assistant superintendent for Albion (Mich.) Public Schools.

After graduating from Elwood High School in Elwood, Sue went on to receive her undergraduate degree in business at Indiana University. Then she went on to receive two master's degrees at Western Michigan University. During her retirement she traveled and spent time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She had lived many years at Lake James before eventually moving to Michigan to be closer to her family.

She was born March 20, 1931, William and Mary (Williams) Farrish in Bloomington.

She is survived by two children and spouses, Deb and Morley Fraser, of Bay City, Mich., and Greg and Becky Chambers, of Portage, Mich.; four grandchildren: Jeff Fraser, Katie Fraser, and Brian and Chris Chambers; one great-granddaughter, Lauren Fraser; a sister, Sara Wright; and a sister-in-law, Patsy Chambers; and several nieces and nephews.

There are no services planned.

Condolences may be left at www.lifestorynet.com.

Memorials are to the Humane Society Inc. of Steuben County or Kalamazoo Humane Society.

Dorothy Smothermon

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Jane Smothermon, 88, a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, died at 3:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Smothermon was born Feb. 23, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Naomi (Shriver) Stemmler.

She married Ben Bremer and Loyal Smothermon and they both preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and his wife, Dennis and Jane Smothermon of Avilla; five grandchildren, Eric, Richard, Mike, Troy and Jason Smothermon; 13 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Nita Hetric and Wanda Hitzeman, both of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters.

Calling will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday at Concordia Memorial Gardens Chapel.

Graveside services will follow at Concordia Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Allen County Humane Society.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
April 24, 2008, Thursday

Ella Marie Miller

LIGONIER — Ella Marie Miller, 97, of Ligonier died Friday, April 18, 2008, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen, after a three-month illness.

Mrs. Miller was a lifetime resident of Ligonier and a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church where she served as the organist for over 50 years.

She was also past president of the Business and Professional Women in Ligonier and the Ligonier Historical Society.

Mrs. Miller was employed by Wilkinson Quilt Co., Ligonier High School as a secretary, Dr. Quintin Stultz and Sroufe Manufacturing in Ligonier.

She was born June 17, 1910, in Ligonier to Archie E. and Cora (Seager) Snyder.

She married Walter Kitson in Nappanee on Jan. 10, 1932. He died in 1942. She then married Robert B. Miller on Feb. 12, 1964, in Ligonier. He also preceded her in death in 1977.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, James Lamar and Nancy Kitson of Goshen; two stepsons, Jerry Lee Miller of Goshen and Robert Dale Miller of Jeffersonville; one stepdaughter and her spouse, Mary Lou and Scott Hayden of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Shirley Durham, and one sister, Frances Robinson.

Services were Tuesday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials may be directed to Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Mary Simmons

LIGONIER — Mary Frances Simmons, 91, of Ligonier died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

She was born Aug. 30, 1916, in Wawaka to Mark and Grace (Caldwell) Kinnison. She married Thad R. Simmons in Noblesville on Sept. 7, 1939.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean and Charles May of Lock Haven, Pa., and Karen and Stanley Lemieux of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Care At Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Betty Schmucker

SYRACUSE — Betty L. Schmucker, 77, of Syracuse died at 12:26 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2008, at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Mrs. Schmucker was a homemaker and had served as a den mother with the Cub Scouts.

She was a member of New Salem Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Schmucker was a gifted seamstress.

She was born March 16, 1931, in Inwood, Ind., to Albert and Goldie (Cooper) Magner. Her mother survives in Elkhart. She married Freeman Schmucker on Aug. 28, 1953. He survives in Syracuse.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cindy and Jerry Yoder of Etna Green and Patty and Tim Seman of Wawaka; four sons, Michael and Cathy Schmucker of Nappanee, Terry and Kim Schmucker of Winter Haven, Fla., Dennis and Penny Schmucker of Elkhart and Randy and Stephanie Schmucker of Warsaw; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters, Mary Zablocki, Helen Parson, Gloria Woodruff, Sandy Dash, Trudy Dudley and Judy Zimmerman; and two brothers, Jack Magner and Arley "Bud" Magner.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Zimmer.

Services were held this morning at New Salem Church of the Brethren, Milford, with Pastor Robert Rice and Pastor Larry Rice officiating. Burial was at South Union Cemetery at Nappanee.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to mishlerfuneralhome.com.

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Phyllis Grussing

DELAND, Fla. — Phyllis Claire Grussing, 92, of DeLand and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday April 22, 2008.

Mrs. Grussing was a registered nurse. She served in the Navy Nurse Corps in World War II. She had been employed at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio, and retired from McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hicksville. She loved sports and flowers.

Mrs. Grussing was a 1933 graduate of Farmer High School in Farmer, Ohio, and attended nursing school in Toledo, Ohio.

She was born Feb. 10, 1916, at Perrysville, Ind., to Dan and Bertha (Jenkins) Watson. She married Melvin Grussing on July 22, 1945. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Phil and Janie Grussing of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Dan and Marie Grussing of Lafayette, La.; two daughters, Susan Sterns of Fort Wayne and Lucinda Weesner of DeLand; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jesse Lou Davis of Tiffin, Ohio.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Burial will be at Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Volusia County, Florida.

John Dear

COLUMBIA CITY — John "Junior" Dear, 81, of Columbia City died at 8:32 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Dear

Mr. Dear had spent most of his life in Whitley County.

He was first employed with Warsaw Chemical Co. in Warsaw, then worked for T & G Excavating and retired from Simmons Excavating in Columbia City in the late 1980s.

Mr. Dear attended school in Columbia City and later in life took night classes studying business at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne. He entered the United States Army and served during World War II.

He was an avid race car fan and raced stock cars. He loved to fish and hunt rabbits and raccoons.

He was born Jan. 7, 1927, in Kenton, Ohio, to Benjamin and Jennifer (Mahan) Dear. He married Shirley Brockup on Jan. 13, 1953, in Etna Green. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are two sons, Kevin L. Dear of Columbia City and Brian J. Dear of Angola; three daughters, Juni and Brad Krontz of Albion, Connie and Ed Sims of South Whitley and Lisa and Steve Burton of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank and Betty Dear of Columbia City; and two sisters, Dorothy Hauptmeyer of Fort Wayne and Margaret Mumma of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Gary Dear; and four sisters, Doris Britton Evelyn Groves, Lenora Walker and Lois Osgood.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Jason Tash of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne with military rites by the Whitley County Korean War Veterans of Whitley County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and after 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Dear Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to demoneygrimes.com.

Robin Gates

KENDALLVILLE — Robin D. Gates, 56, of Kendallville died at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Delbert Morr

WALDRON LAKE — Delbert E. Morr, 69, of Waldron Lake died at 2:22 a.m. today, Friday, April 25, 2008, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to list additional survivors.*

David Roark

ANGOLA — David Roark, 77, died Sunday, April 20, 2008, at his home in Angola.

Born in Saltville, Va., to James A. and Eva Griffey Roark, he was in the trucking business for more than 50 years and was a greeter at Meijer's until 2006.

Mr. Roark

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Moose Lodge in Angola, Butler Eagles and Teamsters Local 414. His hobbies included fishing, casino gambling, story-telling and bluegrass music.

He was married to Naomi L. (Lawson) for 49 years. She died in April 1998.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Henry D. and Teresa Roark of Angola and William D. and Janet Roark of Auburn and James A. Roark of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Clemons of Garrett and Noessa "Lynn" and Dan Johnsonbaugh of Hicksville, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Louise Hayden and Bertha Moore, both of Saltville, Va.; a companion, Wava McDonald of Auburn; and his in-laws, Virginia Jones of Indianapolis, Sonya and Vern Wainscott of Auburn, Ed and Jean Faulkner of Waterloo, Jim and Rhoda Cole of Tennessee and Mildred Lawson of Troutville, Va.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Kay; a granddaughter, Lisa Marie Roark; a great-grandson, Noah William Moody; and two brothers, Sam and Jason Roark.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Wade Kestner will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Wilmer Magginnis

AUBURN — Wilmer I. Magginnis, 81, of Auburn, died Thursday, April 24, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Magginnis worked at Dana Corp. in Auburn for 40 years, retiring in 1985. After his retirement, he worked as a security guard at Cooper Engineered Products for 15 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202, the Auburn Moose Lodge and Garrett Eagles. He attended the Church of Goshen in Goshen.

He was born Sept. 2, 1926, in Avilla to Clarence and Rose (King) Magginnis.

He married Rose H. Wonderly Bauer on July 12, 1969. She preceded him in death on Sept. 4, 2002.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jeff and Joanna Magginnis of Westfield, Joe and Linda Magginnis of Seymour, Ira Magginnis of Jimmerson Lake and Jerry and Bev Magginnis of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Pamela Shook of Auburn and Carolyn and John Bigger of Edgerton, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Donna Reigsecker of Archbold, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Oliver Magginnis of Phoenix, Ariz.; and four sisters and brothers-in-law, Mae and Darrel Mavis of Coldwater, Mich., Martha and Eldon Zook of LaGrange, Esther and Leroy Nofsinger of Fort Wayne and Janet and John Gall of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clarence Magginnis Jr., and two sisters, Margaret and Marjorie Magginnis.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Mark Jordan officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of Goshen.

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Atlee Miller

LAGRANGE — Atlee B. Miller, 68, of rural LaGrange died at 7:48 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Miller had worked at Kuntry Lumber in LaGrange the past 18 years.

He was a member of Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 3, 1940, in Shipshewana to Ben and Katie (Glick) Miller. He married Edna Byler on Feb. 8, 1962, in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Rosemary and Lavern Miller of LaGrange; a son, Raymond and Dorothy Miller of LaGrange; 11 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; four sisters, Amanda and Ervin Yoder of Shipshewana, Ada and Samuel Miller of Shipshewana, Lizzie and William Yoder of Shipshewana, and Rosa and Jonah Graber of Grabill; three brothers, Enos and Viola Miller of Shipshewana, Harvey and Rachel Miller of Spencerville, and Chris and Lorene Miller of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Samuel Miller residence, 1575 S. C.R. 00EW, LaGrange, with Bishop Marvin Graber, the Rev. Abe Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

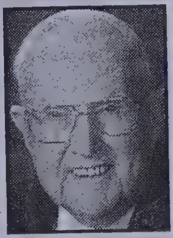
Calling will be after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Leonard Lakamp

AUBURN — Leonard W. Lakamp, 95, of Auburn died Friday, April 25, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



Mr. Lakamp

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn. He was a charter member of the Fort Wayne Shoaff Park Lions Club, St. Joe Center Volunteer Fire Department. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and was DeKalb County's oldest World War II veteran.

Mr. Lakamp was part owner of St. Joe Central Feed and Hardware and then worked for Fort Wayne Community Schools Maintenance Department before retiring in 1978.

He was born Sept. 2, 1912, in Ohio County to John F. and Magdelena (Knigga) Lakamp. They preceded him in death. He married Lela S. Selmeyer Feb. 3, 1940, in Ohio County. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Garland and Nola Lakamp of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia Heinert of Howard City, Mich., and Linda and Keith Schrimshaw of Auburn; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and a brother, Ernest Lakamp of Chisago City, Minn.

He was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, the Rev. David Heinert and George W. Strawbridge; two brothers, Alfred Lakamp and Artie Lakamp; and a sister, Edna Busse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, and one hour prior to services at the church Tuesday.

Memorials can be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn or worship for shut-ins.

Larry Kirk

HAMILTON — A memorial gathering for Larry D. Kirk will be Saturday, May 3, from 1-5 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Mr. Kirk

Mr. Kirk, 69, of Butler, died Thursday, April 3, 2008.

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Robin Gates

Mr. Gates

KENDALLVILLE — Robin D. Gates, 56, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 3:35 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

An area resident since 1971, Mr. Gates retired from Dana Corp. after 30 years of service.

He was born Aug. 3, 1951, in Logansport to Gilbert and Mary (Pottenger) Gates. He married Loretta Trim on July 7, 2007. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Gates of Kendallville and Skylar Gates of Brimfield; two daughters and a son-in-law, Angela and DeWayne Buchtel of Ligonier and Shantel Gates of Brimfield; one stepson, Trevor Sexton of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Rachel Trim of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Kelsey, Keegan, Tori, Mikaela, Adilyn, Jacqulyn and Ayden; two brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Cheryl Phillips of Demont and Jim and Joann Gates of Fulton; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lois and Richard Babb of Logansport, Linda Westheusin of Connecticut and Bonita of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Randy; and a sister, Shirley.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 941 E. 86th St., Indianapolis.

Delbert Morr

WALDRON LAKE — Delbert Earl "Del" Morr, 69, of Waldron Lake died Friday, April 25, 2008, at 2:22 a.m. at his residence.

A 1956 graduate of Kendallville High School, he had lived at Waldron Lake for the past 18 years. He enjoyed fishing with his grandchildren, family members and friends.

Mr. Morr was a journeyman pattern maker and had worked for 23 years in the trade. He previously co-owned and operated Morr Pattern and Tool in Kendallville, where he was vice president. He also worked at Diversified Pattern and Engineering in Avilla, retiring in 1999. He then worked part-time at Baseline Tool in Wawaka.

He was born Nov. 5, 1938, in Kendallville to John A. and Hildegard (Christen) Morr. His mother survives in South Milford. He married Iris Ilene Mock on March 10, 1962, in Ashley. She survives in Waldron Lake.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, six grandchildren and two great-grandsons, Beth Ann and Bruce Richard Newman of South Milford, their daughter, Brooke Renee, their son, Brian Richard and his two sons, Bret and Ethan; Babs Ann and Michael Wesley Diehm of Kendallville, their sons, Mitchell Wesley and Cameron Michael; Brenda Ann and Larry Gayheart of Rome City, their daughters, Morreen Mae and Odessa Ilene; one sister, Jacqueline Marcille Hamlin of South Milford; and one brother and sister-in-law, Clayton Walter and Carolyn Morr of Wawaka.

He was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Darlene Joan Root; and a brother, John Lewis Morr.

Services will be Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville with Vance Hamlin and the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be his nephews, Sean Mock, Delbert Mock, Vance Hamlin, Doug Morr, Glen Morr and Paul Morr.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to IUPUI Cancer Center or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneral-home.com.

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April 27, 2008, Sunday

Emerick was proud of family's Steuben heritage

BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — Joan E. (Twitchell) Emerick was proud of her family's heritage and its place in Steuben County history.

Mrs. Emerick, who died Tuesday, was part of one of the pioneer families that settled Steuben County.

"She was just so very, very proud of her heritage. She always went to (Orland's) Vermont Settlement Days," said daughter Beth Cifuentes. "My mother loved the heritage of the Vermont Settlement. She was always updated on it."

Mrs. Emerick

Numerous local histories are in the family's possession. There's barely a stone left unturned in the family genealogy and how it traces to the Orland area and previously New York and much prior to that England.

The Twichell family, as it was spelled in the 1800s, landed in the Vermont Settlement — the Orland area as it was known at the time — in 1835. The first settlers from Vermont arrived in 1834.

Mrs. Emerick's great-great-grandfather, Benjamin S. Twichell, came here to settle with his family. Jonas Twichell Sr., Mrs. Emerick's great-grandfather, was born in New York, right before the family settled in the Orland area. He started a farm near Jackson Prairie Cemetery, south of Orland. He was appointed by the governor to be one of the first Steuben County Commissioners. His son — Jonas Jr., the grandfather of Mrs. Emerick — also served as a Steuben County Commissioner. He served one term.

The family farm remains south of Orland, but as descendant Dean Twitchell said, some of the original buildings are gone. The farm house, though, still is standing.

Mrs. Emerick was a great collector of antiques, but also of historic items about Steuben County.

The family has a collection of local histories, well beyond the two volumes many with which many are most familiar, the Steuben County history books published in 1880 and in 1955.

"She loved barns, loved antiques. That's just a big part of our family's history," Cifuentes said.

Family members noted that Mrs. Emerick enjoyed Hoosier Hill, north of Angola, particularly when it was snowing outside.

Her father, Robert Twitchell, was a farmer who eventually went to work at the Fawn River State Fish Hatchery. Her mother, Alta, was a homemaker and worked at the local phone company in Orland.

Mrs. Emerick and her husband, Clark "Cork" Emerick, married in 1953 in Orland. The lived in Fort Wayne before returning to Orland in 1955 and then to Angola.

Mrs. Emerick was a stay-at-home mother, raising her four children, Brad, Brent, Beth and Barry.

After the children were in school, Mrs. Emerick went to work at Aro Corp. — Ingersol-Rand — in Angola. Her intent was to only work for a short time, but she ended up there for 29 years until her retirement. She then went to work part-time for Women Infants and Children in Angola for eight years.

Family members recall with fondness how their mother and grandmother liked to keep a clean house, sewing, and doing crafts.

They also recall that she was a fine cook who loved to warm the hearts of family and friends with food.

Mrs. Emerick could put together quite the nice meals, Cifuentes said, but she was known best for her desserts.

"She was a great cook. Everybody always loved her cooking, baked apples, cheese cake. But keep it away from my brother (Barry) because he'll eat it all," Cifuentes said.

Food and family history will be some of the many memories that will carry on now that Mrs. Emerick is gone.

Though she lived much of her life in Angola, Mrs. Emerick returned to her family roots, the Vermont Settlement, Orland, when she was buried Friday at Greenlawn Cemetery.

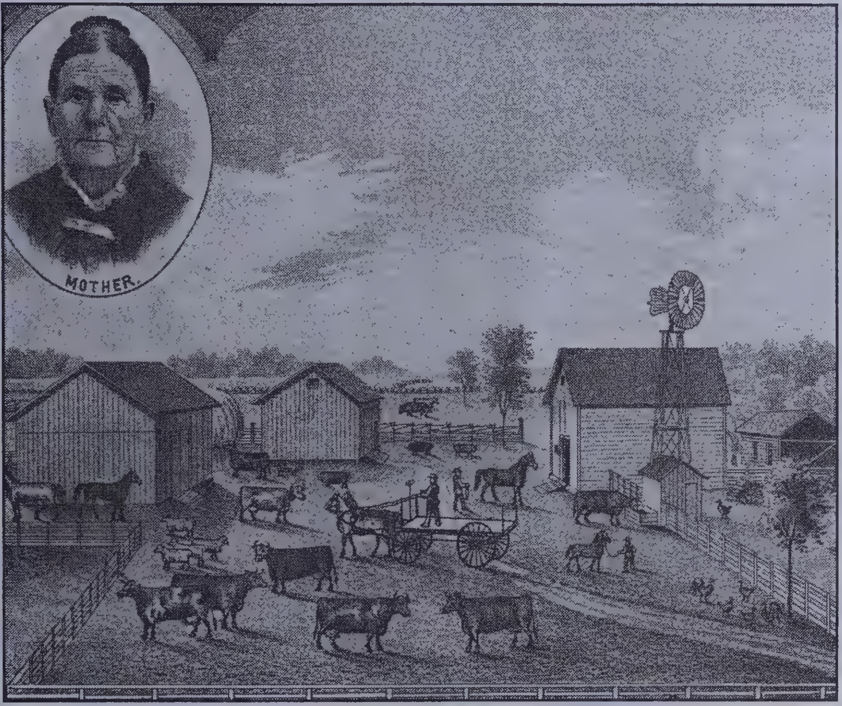

ILLUSTRATION CONTRIBUTED

Pictured is an illustration of the Twichell family farm in the Jackson Prairie area of Jackson Township, near Orland, as it was viewed in the 1880 Steuben County history book. Joan Emerick, who died Tuesday, is a descendant of the Twichell – now Twitchell – family, one of the earliest families to settle in Steuben County.

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Delbert Morr

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View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Maxine Gill

WATERLOO — Maxine Gill, 91, died Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

On Dec. 4, 1916, she was born in Garrett to Irvin and Lucile (Stoor) Lewis. She married Gerald E. Gill on March 5, 1949, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on May 20, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Nancy Gill, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Michael Gill, Waterloo; three grandchildren, Annie, Katie and Joey Gill; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth Zimmerman, of Colorado, and Betty and Chuck Laurie, Auburn.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Donna Lewis, and two brothers, Dick and Irvin Lewis.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

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April 27, 2008, Sunday

Thomas Harmes

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas C. Harmes, 73, formerly of Corunna died Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was shop foreman and inspector for 23 years at A-1 Production in Kendallville before retiring in 1994.

Mr. Harmes served in the U.S. Army for two years then the National Guard for three years.

He was a member of the Kendallville American Legion Post 86 and the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

On Sept. 22, 1934, in Corunna, he was born to Theodore "Ted" K. and Anna (Vogtman) Harmes.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott D. and Beth Harmes, Columbia City; a daughter, Lori Lynn Harmes and her fiance Todd Scandling, Albion; six grandchildren, Emilee, Nick, Thomas and Colton Harmes, Katelyn Scandling, and Mollie and her husband, Greg Bryant; a great-granddaughter, Ava Bryant; a brother, Donald "Max" Harmes, Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Ernie Ladd, Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Juanita Harmes, Corunna.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, Richard Harmes, and a sister, Majorie "Janet" Sullivan.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Legion Post 86.

Paul Shrock

GOSHEN — Paul C. Shrock, 85, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury, died at 7:05 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2008, at Courtyard of Goshen in Goshen. He had been in declining health.

Mr. Shrock

He had worked at different area factories, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. Shrock was a member of the Bonneyville Mennonite Church, and served as an elder at the Yellow Creek Mennonite Church.

He also served in the Civilian Public Service as a smoke jumper.

On Oct. 25, 1922, he was born in Hutchinson, Kans., to Edd and Fannie (Yoder) Shrock. In 1945 in Montgomery, Ind., he married Dorcas Graber. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Marlin and Linda Shrock, Memphis, Tenn., and Shawn and Cindy Shrock, and Stephen Shrock, all of Middlebury; three grandchildren; two sisters and brother-in-law, Martha Slaubaugh, Sarasota, Fla., and Phyllis and John Schrock, Heston, Kans.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Silas and Dorothy Shrock, LaGrange, Ed and Joann Shrock, Middlebury, Fred and Jan Shrock, Elkhart, and David and Catherine Shrock, Sarasota, Fla.

Preceding him death, in addition to his wife, were his parents, a brother, Peter Shrock, and a sister, Alma Knepp.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bonneyville Mennonite Church with Revs. Mahlon Miller and John Shrock officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhom.com.

Anna Eckert

HELMER — Anna Rose Eckert, 87, died at 9:20 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

On Nov. 16, 1920, in Salem Center she was born to Dale C. and Esther (Shaffer) Butler. She married Wayne H. Eckert on Feb. 15, 1943, in Hudson. He survives.

In addition to her husband, survivors include: two sons, Ned Eckert, Indianapolis, and Jerry Eckert, Houston, Texas; a sister, Lorene Hoopingarner, Lafayette, Ind.; two grandchildren and their children, Mandi Marklin and Gavin and Rylee, and Lian Aragon and Jada and Tres.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Bill Hambright officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Helmer Fire Department or Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Condolences can be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
April 28, 2008, Monday

Pamela Gnagy

ANGOLA — Pamela S. Gnagy, 54, of Angola died Sunday, April 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Gnagy was a a hair stylist at Head to Toe Salon in Angola.

She was a member of Unity Church of Christ in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 3, 1953, in Angola to R. DeWayne Braman and Juineta Hankes Wood. She was engaged to Jerry Hooley of Angola. He survives in Angola.

She is survived by her father and stepmother, R. DeWayne and Judy Braman of Lake Placid, Fla.; her mother, Juineta Wood of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott Douglas and Erin Jaques of Marshall, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Amber and Mike Ray of Molena, Ga.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cynthia Braman of Angola, and Deborah and Mick Schwalm of Angola; two stepsisters, Kim Stump of Bellbrooke, Ohio, and Mindy Craig of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Alyssa, Ansley, Ashton and Wyatt; two nephews and a niece.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Mary Wood officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Noah Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Noah M. Miller, 91, of rural Shipshewana died at 12:10 a.m. today, Monday, April 28, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Miller had resided in Indiana since 1939.

He was a farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church in which he served as a deacon.

He was born Oct. 16, 1916, in Custer County, Okla., to Mose F. and Fannie (Miller) Miller. He married Lizzie Miller on Nov. 23, 1944, in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, Orla and Esther Miller of Topeka, Harley and Mary Miller and Joe and Katie Irene Miller, all of LaGrange, Freeman and LeAnna Miller and Andy and Arlene Miller, all of Shipshewana, Jerry and Irene Miller of Ligonier, and Elva Miller of Calhan, Colo.; two daughters, Elsie and Daniel Otto of Topeka and Fannie and Sam Bontrager Jr. of Wolcottville; 47 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; 43 stepgreat-grandchildren; 14 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jonathon Miller of Leon, Iowa, and Joe Miller of Kalona, Iowa; a foster sister, Bertha Bontrager; and a sister-in-law, Clara Miller of Clark, Mo.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Cornelius Miller, and two sisters, Elizabeth Schrock and Anna Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Freeman N. Miller residence, 0325 S. C.R. 900W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Monroe Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Tuesday and all day Wednesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Henrietta Lehman

KENDALLVILLE — Henrietta M. "Hank" Lehman, 91, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lehman

Mrs. Lehman was a homemaker.

She had worked for Essex Wire in Kendallville for 17 years, retiring in 1982. She also volunteered at the Kendallville Nutrition Site.

Mrs. Lehman was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and its Rosary Sodality. She was also a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the YMCA Solo Club.

She enjoyed bowling, traveling and camping at Big Turkey and other lakes with her grandchildren and family members. She enjoyed swimming at the Cole Center Family YMCA.

She was born in Fort Wayne on April 14, 1917, to Henry and Christina (Becker) Arens. She married Edward Lehman on Oct. 28, 1938, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Lehman of Fort Wayne and David "Louie" and Cherris Lehman of Kendallville; two daughters, Carol and Arthur Theismann Jr. of Greenwood and Patricia and Allen Lahrman of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Edward Lehman, Melissa and Todd Newman, Stephanie Williams, Shari and Tim Conrad, Missy and Arthur Theismann III, LuCynda Blackman, Jennifer and Robert Davey, Elizabeth Lahrman and Allison Lahrman; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Esther Prante of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and also one hour prior to the service at the church Wednesday.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or to the donor's choice.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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Arnold Armbruster

ANGOLA — Arnold G. Armbruster, 84, of Angola died Monday, April 28, 2008, at 9:35 a.m. in Lakeland Woods Nursing Center at Angola.

Mr. Armbruster

Formerly a longtime resident of Northwest Township, Ohio, and a resident of Napoleon, Ohio, from 1993-2007, Mr. Armbruster was a farmer and milk truck driver and was formerly employed by Zeller Corp. Most recently, he had been a greeter for 14 years at Wal-Mart in Napoleon.

His memberships included Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont. He was active in the Henry County, Ohio, Senior Center, where he delivered meals on wheels.

He was born Aug. 27, 1923, in Henry County, Ohio, to George H. and Lena (Kregel) Armbruster.

He married Orianna R. Rohlf on Dec. 16, 1944, in Defiance, Ohio. She died Jan. 20, 1984.

He then married Esther Warner on Dec. 27, 1993, in Fort Wayne. She died March 9, 2003.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John and Jo Armbruster of Edon, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Phillip Ellis of Angola and Lois and Roger Zeedyk of Hicksville, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Polly Armbruster of Napoleon; and six stepchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, with Pastor Wayne Berckesch officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery at Edon, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday after 2 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont or to the Henry County Senior Center.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest register may be signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

Jack Hyde

ST. JOE — Jack S. Hyde, 77, of St. Joe died Monday, April 28, 2008, at his home.

Born in Brazil, Ind., he worked for Gartland Foundry in Terre Haute for three years and retired as a security guard with Permar.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Roger Hamilton of St. Joe; two grandchildren and their spouses, Paul and Leah Hamilton of St. Joe and Ted and Lynn Hamilton of Loves Park, Ill.; and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Edith Singleton

STROH — Edith Singleton, 77, of Stroh died Monday, April 28, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

She was a homemaker and lived in LaGrange County since the 1950s. She loved to garden and grow flowers.

On Aug. 16, 1930, in Vicco, Ky., she was born to Beverly and Sally (Roark) Reynolds. She married Linvell Singleton Jr. in Vicco, Ky., in August 1947. He survives in Stroh.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Ruth Singleton of Wolcottville, Lin and Kathi Singleton of Stroh, and James and Patricia Singleton of Shiloh, Ill.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marlene Reynolds of, Las Vegas, Nev.

Preceding her in death were two grandsons, Bradley Singleton in August 1966, and Aaron Singleton in June 1997, and her parents.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Wright Cemetery, Hudson, with the Rev. Russell Hepler officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Indiana.

Condolences are to frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

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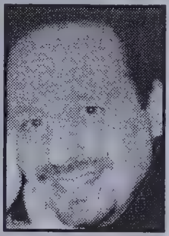
Tod Ritchison

INDIANAPOLIS — Tod Allen Ritchison, 44, of Shelbyville died Friday, April 25, 2008, at St. Francis South Campus, Indianapolis, due to complications during surgery.


Mr. Ritchison

He was warehouse manager for Sysco Food Services of Indianapolis, LLC, for the past six months. He previously worked for Marsh Supermarket Distribution Center, Indianapolis, for three years.

Mr. Ritchison moved to Shelbyville from Topeka seven years ago.

The 1983 Warsaw High School graduate played basketball and baseball for the school. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Shelbyville, and enjoyed golf. He also enjoyed caring for his yard, camping and doing outside work.

On March 1, 1964, he was born in Warsaw to W. Deuane and Carolyn (Troxel) Ritchison. His mother survives in Etna Green. He married Shari L. Dobrunst in Ligonier on Sept. 18, 1993. She survives in Shelbyville.

Also surviving are a son, Jared Ritchison, 8, of Shelbyville; a daughter, Madison Ritchison, 9, of Shelbyville; a sister-in-law, Lesa Ritchison of Sacramento, Calif.; his father and mother-in-law, Irv and Julia Dobrunst of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Jeri Edsall of Kimmell; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father on March 6, 1999, his paternal grandparents, Jesse and Edna Ritchison, and his maternal grandparents, James O. and Henrietta Troxel.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, College Fund for Madison and Jared Ritchison in care of Titus Funeral Home, P.O. Box 705, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Margaret Weeden

PLEASANT LAKE — Margaret Jane Weeden, 88, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Weeden was retired, having served as secretary for Dan Dobson Insurance Co. in Coldwater, Mich.

She was a member of the Ashley Chapter No. 229 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born March 29, 1920, in Steuben County to Earl and Marie (McDougle) Deetz. She married Charles Weeden on April 7, 1951. He died July 22, 1999.

She is survived by three nephews, Max Deetz, Rex Deetz, and Zach Deetz, all of Auburn; two great-nieces; and a great-nephew.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Max and Floyd Deetz.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Mary Bensinger

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary J. Bensinger, 73, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Bensinger was a cashier at the Baker Street Restaurant in Fremont.

She was interested in gardening, cooking and working with farm animals.

She was born March 4, 1935, to Perry and Henrietta (Haynes) Leonard. She was married to Clifford Druly. He died in 1974. She then married Thomas Bensinger. He died in 1995.

She is survived by five daughters and two sons-in-law, Connie Curtis of Fort Wayne, Robin Hoag of Angola, Kathleen Deuter of Albion, Mich., Leila and Max Greenamyer of Montgomery, and Shoshone and Corey Thomas of Fremont; a sister, Maxine Wilkes of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren; and 28 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sons; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and four brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich., with the Rev. John Willoughby officiating. Burial will be in Jerome Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Rebah Schweitzer

HUDSON — Rebah V. Schweitzer, 91, of Hudson, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Reva Whiteman

ANGOLA — Reva H. Whiteman, 82, of Angola and formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Robert Booth

JONESVILLE, Mich. — Robert D. Booth, 80, of Jonesville, formerly of Homer, Mich., died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility, Hillsdale, Mich.

He was in quality control for Union Steel for 20 years, and worked for Michigan Milk Producers for 20 years.

He served in the U.S. Army in the 8th Calvary in post-World War II Japan.

Mr. Booth was a member, elder and deacon of the Presbyterian Church in Homer, and was a member of many Masonic organizations, and chosen Mason of the Year in 1994. He was an officer of Homer Alumni Association.

He enjoyed gardening, hunting, walking, woodworking and restoring family heirlooms.

On Jan. 11, 1928, in Homer, he was born to Howard and Florence (Hawkins) Booth. He married Evelyn "Ruth" Van Fleet on May 9, 1948. She survives in Jonesville.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Carra and Conrad Bushong of LaOtto, Bonnie Drake of Battle Creek, Mich., and Jana Booth of Albion, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, David, William and George Booth, a grandson, Brock Knuth, and his parents.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Homer Presbyterian Church with Rev. Tim Maryil officiating. Burial will be in Cook's Prairie Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility and Homer Presbyterian Church.

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John Cook

ADAMS LAKE — John E. Cook, 88, of Adams Lake died at 11:40 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2008, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mr. Cook was a lifetime resident of Adams Lake and a graduate of Wolcottville High School.

Mr. Cook

He was a self-employed carpenter and worked as a lineman for REMC and Gilbert Construction for 25 years.

Mr. Cook was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He was born Nov. 30, 1919, at Adams Lake to Andrew J. and Bessie (Ream) Cook. He married Dorothy Hall on Oct. 5, 1940, in LaGrange. She survives at Adams Lake.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James A. and Becky Cook of Adams Lake; a daughter, Jonquil Vincent of Atlanta; a son-in-law, Tom Atkins of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a brother and sister-in-law, Andrew "Bud" and Donna Cook of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judith Atkins; two sons, John A. Cook and Jerry Cook; three sisters, Pansye Racht, Mercedes Babbis and Margaret Sessler; and three brothers, Bob Cook, Maynard Cook and Bill Cook.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215. Pallbearers will be Jeff Marshall, Phil Evers, Jeremy Cook, Don Miller, Greg Racioppi and Chris Vosburgh.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Ernest Neff

GOSHEN — Ernest J. Neff, 83, of Goshen and formerly of Shipshewana died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Greencroft Health Care Center in Goshen where he had been a resident since July 2005.

Mr. Neff

Mr. Neff lived 26 years in Gulliver, Mich., prior to moving to Sturgis, Mich., in 1982. He then moved to Shipshewana in 1987.

Mr. Neff and his wife were the owners and operators of a family laundry business in Gulliver.

He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

Mr. Neff enjoyed farming as a hobby.

He was born Aug. 19, 1924, in LaGrange County to Mahlon and Mary (Kauffman) Neff. He married Shirley Troyer on Sept. 21, 1948, in Shipshewana. She survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are four daughters, Deloris and Marvin Nolt of Ephrata, Pa., Phyllis and Ronald Smith of Palm Bay, Fla., Roberta Conyard of Richmond, Va., and Yvonne and Ronald Leonard of Lake Odessa, Mich.; five sons, Winfred and Debbie Neff of Gillette, Wyo., Sterling and Connie Neff and Kevin and Colleen Neff, all of Sturgis, Mich., Stewart and Carol Neff of Kaukauna, Wis., and Merle and Janet Neff of Goshen; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary B. Trible of Elkhart; and a brother, Wayne and Helen Neff of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Vernon, Devon and Elmer Neff, and his twin sister, Esther Zook.

Memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 West U.S. 20, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Friday at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to Heifer Project International.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Kohne

KENDALLVILLE — Mary A. Kohne, 91, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been a resident for a year and a half.

Mrs. Kohne

Mrs. Kohne worked for People's Trust & Savings Co. (Summit Bank) for 30 years before retiring in 1981

She was a lifetime member of St. Patrick's Parish and was the salutatorian of the 1934 class of St. Catherine's Academy.

Mrs. Kohne was a Chicago White Sox fan.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 29, 1916, to Robert and Leila (Zander) Mungovan. She married Joseph B. Smith in 1946 in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in 1966. In 1982, she married Carl Kohne. He died in 1993.

Surviving are her children, Ann C. Smith of Shriner Lake, Don Smith and Susan Anderson of Pretty Lake, and Thomas J. and Kathleen Smith of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a sister, Dolores Mungovan of Fort Wayne; three nephews; five nieces; and five stepchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Mungovan, in 1993.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2120 S. Harrison St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St.

Memorials are to St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Ruth Hartwig

AUBURN — Ruth A. Hartwig, 83, formerly of Antwerp, Ohio, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at 6:45 p.m. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hartwig worked at Zellers for 22 years and was a telephone operator for Paulding Telephone Co. and GM Powertrain in Defiance, Ohio. She was a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Antwerp.

She was born Sept. 13, 1924, in Blue Creek Township, Paulding, Ohio, to Walter and Clara (Peters) Baker.

She married Paul Hartwig in 1946. He died in 1969.

Surviving are a brother, Ralph Baker of Hamilton; a niece, Marilyn Bodiker of Waterloo; and a nephew, Ron Baker of Edon, Ohio.

Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp and Payne, Ohio, will handle arrangements. Private burial will be at Live Oak Cemetery in Paulding, Ohio.

Condolences may be sent to dooleyfuneralhome.com.

Lillian Rider

LAGRANGE — Lillian "Susie" Rider, 57, of LaGrange died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Lillian Piggett

WAWAKA— Lillian I. Piggett, 92, of Wawaka died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Melvin Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Melvin H. Miller, 72, of Middlebury died at 7:19 p.m. Monday, April 28, at his neighbor's residence of an apparent heart attack.

He was a farmer and a bishop in the Old Order Amish Church.

On July 1, 1935, in Elkhart County, he was born to Henry N. and Molly (Bontrager) Miller. He married Susie Hochstetler in Middlebury on Nov. 29, 1956. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Samuel Miller of Middlebury, and Gerald and Wilma F. Miller of Sugar Creek, Ohio; a daughter, Esther Miller of Middlebury; six grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Ida and Harley Lambright of Topeka, Mary and Andy Lehman of Middlebury, and Susie and Freeman J. Yoder of Howe; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Leonard and Ruby Miller, and Samuel and Mary Ellen Miller, all of Middlebury, and Elmer and Marilyn Miller of Goshen.

Preceding him in death were his parents, an infant daughter and a sister, Anna Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Joseph Bowman residence, 10755 C.R. 43, Middlebury, with Bishop Roy Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the family residence, 55475 C.R. 43, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Julianna Budoso

AUBURN — Julianna Budoso, 87, of Auburn died Monday, April 28, 2008, at Golden Years Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Budoso

Mrs. Budoso was a homemaker. She was a member of the Auburn Garden Club, a volunteer for the Heimach Senior Activity Center and a gardener.

She was born June 29, 1920, in Szekeshalom, Hungary, to Csatari and Narai (Borbala) Sandor. They preceded her in death.

She married Michael Budoso on Sept. 20, 1948, in Hillsdale, Mich.. He died April 13, 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, Agnes Budoso of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Ida Kocsis of Rochester, N.Y., Margaret Vidacs of Palm Bay, Fla., and Barbara Manko of Hungary.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Rosemary Budoso-Bender and Violet Budoso; and two sisters.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Activity Center.

Linda Clark

CHURUBUSCO — Linda L. Clark, 61, of rural Churubusco died Saturday, April 26, 2008, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She had been ill since September 2007 but her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Clark

She had worked as an expediter at Tec Hackett Inc. for 27 years, and most recently worked at Lincoln Financial Services in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Clark spent her life in the Fort Wayne and Churubusco area, and graduated from Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne in 1964.

She served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

On Sept. 3, 1946, in Fort Wayne, she was born to Robert W. and Helen F. (Sakowicz) Warner. On Nov. 27, 1987, she married Charles "Chuck" Clark. He survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Karen Warner of New Haven; two nieces, Kayla Warner and Sarah Clark and spouse Brian Lee; two nephews, Jason Warner and his spouse Abby, and Jeff Clark; and special friend Cheryl Miser.

Her parents preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco, with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral, Churubusco, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are Medic 21 of Smith Township or Masses to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to sheetsandchilds.net.

Gerald Sheefel

FORT WAYNE — Gerald O. Sheefel, 98, died Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

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Reva Whiteman

ANGOLA — Reva H. Whiteman, 82, of Angola formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Whiteman liked working in her flower bed, going on family trips, and attending activities at the Council on Aging. She was a member of the Kendallville Elks Auxiliary Lodge, and the Kendallville VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 2749.

Mrs. Whiteman

She was born Nov. 8, 1925, in Sebree, Ky., to Henry and Dot (Melton) Hobgood. She married Douglas Whiteman on July 21, 1945, in Evansville. He died May 3, 1986.

She is survived by a son, Allen Whiteman of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Don Marquardt of Angola; a sister, Ellene Williams of Evansville; a brother, Melton Hobgood of Sebree; and three grandchildren, Jordan, Teagan and Rylan Marquardt, all of Angola.

Graveside services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Services will also be conducted Thursday at 6 p.m. at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. David Doane officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Larry Rowe

CORUNNA — Larry David Rowe, 53, of Corunna died Monday, April 28, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Rowe worked in construction for the R.L. McCay Company of Columbia City. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born in Hudson on April 4, 1955, to Herbert G. and Olabelle (Boyd) Rowe.

He is survived by his mother Olabelle (Rowe) Hannah of Butler; a son, David of Thailand; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Herbert and Margarette Rowe of Wolcottville, Clair and Barbara Rowe of Donna, Texas, and Laurel and Kathy Rowe of Noblesville; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ann Trammell of New Haven, Bonnie and Shawn Spillian of Michigan, and Eva Crawford of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

David Wofford

ASHLEY — David R. Wofford, 51, of Ashley died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Wofford worked as a portfolio manager for Aro Fluid Products/Ingersoll-Rand of Bryan, Ohio, for more than 30 years. He served in the U.S. Navy as a mechanic for seven years. He bowled and worked on old cars.

He was born Nov. 20 1956, in Covina, Calif., to David "Clifford" and Levena (London) Wofford. His father survives in Kingman, Ariz.

He married Diane Fike on Feb. 14, 1997, in Auburn. She survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Melanie and Andrea DiTommaso of Fort Wayne, Laura Wofford of Edgerton, Ohio, Angela Shibler of Fort Wayne and Kristy and Dan Helmkamp of Kendallville; one son, Blaine Thacker of Hicksville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Fay and Carle Basenberg of Marino Valley, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one sister, Kathy Collins.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. James McPeak will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna, with military graveside services by the Orland post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children, Locks of Love or the Indiana University School of Medicine Multiple Myeloma Department.

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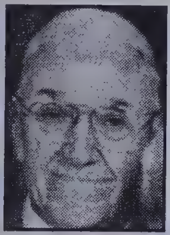
Rebah Schweitzer

HUDSON — Rebah V. Schweitzer, 91, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born in Garrett on Aug. 12, 1916, to Charley and Lydia (Haynes) Sherman. She was a 1934 graduate of Garrett High School. She married Willard R. Schweitzer on Nov. 26, 1936. He died Dec. 16, 1997, after 61 years of marriage.

Mrs. Schweitzer


Mr. Schweitzer

She attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett, and was a member of the Ladies Aid and the Hudson Garden Club. She was very active in missionary work at her church, making comforters for babies and making items for people in Haiti. She also made quilts for all her grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rita K. Nichols of Hudson, and Frances G. and Walter Ray Lockwood Jr. of Marion; four grandchildren and spouses, Brian and Therasa Nichols of Hudson, Greg and Pat Nichols of Paulding, Ohio, Karen Kay and Dan Taylor of Hillard, Ohio, and Mark and Stephanie Lockwood of Gas City; and great-grandchildren, Felicia and Samantha Nichols of Hudson, Ezekiel, Weston, Kirsten and Alyssa Lockwood of Gas City, and Chris and Andrew Taylor of Hillard.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Playter and Dorothy Kitchen; and a son-in-law, Donald R. Nichols in 2006.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will follow at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling begins at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to Lake James Christian Assembly or First Presbyterian Church of Grant County Missions.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

James Overbay

GARRETT — James D. Overbay, 67, of Garrett died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Overbay

Mr. Overbay was a self-employed dry-wall hanger. He retired in 2003.

He was born Dec. 1, 1940, in Middlesboro, Ky., to Rufus and Mayola (Garner) Overbay.

Surviving are his ex-wife, Diane S. Overbay of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila K. and James J. Renner of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, James Matthew and Suzanne Overbay of Garrett and Samuel Lee and Erica Overbay of Garrett; six grandchildren; five brothers and three sisters-in-law, Avory and Sherry Overbay of New Haven, Rufus and Phyllis Overbay of Fort Wayne, and Walt Overbay, Kenneth Overbay and Jackie and Sheila Overbay, all of Middlesboro, Ky.; and six sisters and four brothers-in-law, Lois and Joe Shumate, Sylvia Coatney and Effie Overbay, all of Middlesboro, Ky., Arlene and James Teague of LaVergne, Tenn., and Prudy and Gary Meadows and Tammy and Gary Martin, all of Berea, Ky.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Covington Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Denny Feasby of New Hope Baptist Church in Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be today from 5-7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Friday, one hour prior to the services, at Covington Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

Memorials are to New Hope Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent at thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Mary Bensinger

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary J. Bensinger, 73, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Bensinger was a cashier at the Baker Street Restaurant in Fremont.

She was interested in gardening, cooking and working with farm animals.

She was born March 4, 1935, to Perry and Henrietta (Haynes) Leonard. She was married to Clifford Druly. He died in 1974. She then married Thurman Bensinger. He died in 1995.

She is survived by five daughters and two sons-in-law, Connie Curtis of Fort Wayne, Robin Hoag of Angola, Kathleen Deuter of Albion, Mich., Leila and Max Greenamyer of Montgomery, and Shoshone and Corey Thomas of Fremont; a sister, Maxine Wilkes of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren; and 28 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sons; two grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and four brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich., with the Rev. John Willoughby officiating. Burial will be in Jerome Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the funeral home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Thomas C. Harmes, 73

COLUMBIA CITY — Thomas C. Harmes, 73, formerly of Corunna died Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was shop foreman and inspector for 23 years at A-1 Production in Kendallville before retiring in 1994.

Mr. Harmes served in the U.S. Army for two years then the National Guard for three years.

He was a member of the Kendallville American Legion Post 86 and the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

On Sept. 22, 1934, in Corunna, he was born to Theodore "Ted" K. and Anna (Vogtman) Harmes.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Scott D. (Beth) Harmes, Columbia City; a daughter, Lori Lynn Harmes and her fiance Todd Scandling, Albion; six grandchildren, Emilee, Nick, Thomas and Colton Harmes, Katelyn Scandling, and Mollie and her husband, Greg Bryant; a great-granddaughter, Ava Bryant; a brother, Donald "Max" Harmes, Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Ernie Ladd, Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Juanita Harmes, Corunna.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a brother, Richard Harmes, and a sister, Majorie "Janet" Sullivan.

Services were at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorials are to the American Legion Post 86.

John Dear, 81

COLUMBIA CITY — John "Junior" Dear, 81, of Columbia City died at 8:32 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Dear had spent most of his life in Whitley County.

He was first employed with Warsaw Chemical Co. in Warsaw, then worked for T & G Excavating and retired from Simmons Excavating in Columbia City in the late 1980s.

Mr. Dear attended school in Columbia City and later in life took night classes studying business at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne. He entered the United States Army and served during World War II.

He was an avid race car fan and raced stock cars. He loved to fish and hunt rabbits and raccoons.

He was born Jan. 7, 1927, in Kenton, Ohio, to Benjamin and Jennifer (Mahan) Dear. He married Shirley Brockup on Jan. 13, 1953, in Etna Green. She survives in Columbia City.

Also surviving are two sons, Kevin L. Dear of Columbia City and Brian J. Dear of Angola; three daughters, Juni and Brad Krontz of Albion, Connie and Ed Sims of South Whitley and Lisa and Steve Burton of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Frank and Betty Dear of Columbia City; and two sisters, Dorothy Hauptmeyer of Fort Wayne and Margaret Mumma of Auburn.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Gary Dear; and four sisters, Doris Britton, Evelyn Groves, Lenora Walker and Lois Osgood.

Services were at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Jason Tash of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne with military rites by the Whitley County Korean War Veterans of Whitley County.

Memorials are to the Dear Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to demoneygrimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
April 30, 2008, Wednesday

Dorothy Jane Smothermon, 88

FORT WAYNE - Dorothy Jane Smothermon, 88, lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 3:45 A.M. at the Kendallville Manor Nursing Home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Smothermon was born on February 23, 1920 in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Naomi (Shriver) Stemmler.

She married Ben Bremer and Loyal Smothermon.

Surviving is a son Dennis (Jane) Smothermon of Avilla; five grandchildren; Eric, Richard, Mike, Troy and Jason Smothermon; thirteen great-grandchildren; two sisters, Nita Hetric and Wanda Hitzeman both of Fort Wayne.

She was proceded in death by her parents, her husbands and two sisters.

Graveside services were at Concordia Memorial Gardrens in Fort Wayne.

Memorials for Mrs. Smothermon may be made in her memory to the Allen County Humane Society.

The Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel is in Charge of Arrangements.

Robin D. Gates, 56

KENDALLVILLE — Robin D. Gates, 56, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 3:35 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

An area resident since 1971, Mr. Gates retired from Dana Corp. after 30 years of service.

He was born Aug. 3, 1951, in Logansport to Gilbert and Mary (Pottenger) Gates. He married Loretta Trim on July 7, 2007. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Gates of Kendallville and Skylar Gates of Brimfield; two daughters and a son-in-law, Angela (DeWayne) Buchtel of Ligonier and Shantel Gates of Brimfield; one stepson, Trevor Sexton of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Rachel Trim of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Kelsey, Keegan, Tori, Mikaela, Adilyn, Jacqulyn and Ayden; two brothers and sisters-in-law, David (Cheryl) Phillips of Demont and Jim (Joann) Gates of Fulton; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lois (Richard) Babb of Logansport, Linda Westheusin of Connecticut and Bonita of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Randy; and a sister, Shirley.

Services were at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield.

Memorials are to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 941 E. 86th St., Indianapolis.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Robert D. Booth, 80

JONESVILLE, Mich. — Robert D. Booth, 80, of Jonesville, formerly of Homer, Mich., died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility, Hillsdale, Mich.

He was in quality control for Union Steel for 20 years, and worked for Michigan Milk Producers for 20 years.

He served in the U.S. Army in the 8th Calvary in post-World War II Japan.

Mr. Booth was a member, elder and deacon of the Presbyterian Church in Homer, and was a member of many Masonic organizations, and chosen Mason of the Year in 1994. He was an officer of Homer Alumni Association.

He enjoyed gardening, hunting, walking, woodworking and restoring family heirlooms.

On Jan. 11, 1928, in Homer, he was born to Howard and Florence (Hawkins) Booth. He married Evelyn "Ruth" Van Fleet on May 9, 1948. She survives in Jonesville.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Carra and Conrad Bushong of LaOtto, Bonnie Drake of Battle Creek, Mich., and Jana Booth of Albion, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were three brothers, David, William and George Booth, a grandson, Brock Knuth, and his parents.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Homer Presbyterian Church with Rev. Tim Marvil officiating. Burial will be in Cook's Prairie Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility and Homer Presbyterian Church.

Tod Ritchison, 44

INDIANAPOLIS — Tod Allen Ritchison, 44, of Shelbyville died Friday, April 25, 2008, at St. Francis South Campus, Indianapolis, due to complications during surgery.

He was warehouse manager for Sysco Food Services of Indianapolis, LLC, for the past six months. He previously worked for Marsh Supermarket Distribution Center, Indianapolis, for three years.

Mr. Ritchison moved to Shelbyville from Topeka seven years ago.

The 1983 Warsaw High School graduate played basketball and baseball for the school. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Shelbyville, and enjoyed golf. He also enjoyed caring for his yard, camping and doing outside work.

On March 1, 1964, he was born in Warsaw to W. Deuane and Carolyn (Troxel) Ritchison. His mother survives in Etna Green. He married Shari L. Dobrunst in Ligonier on Sept. 18, 1993. She survives in Shelbyville.

Also surviving are a son, Jared Ritchison, 8, of Shelbyville; a daughter, Madison Ritchison, 9, of Shelbyville; a sister-in-law, Lesa Ritchison of Sacramento, Calif.; his father and mother-in-law, Irv and Julia Dobrunst of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Jeri Edsall of Kimmell; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father on March 6, 1999, his paternal grandparents, Jesse and Edna Ritchison, and his maternal grandparents, James O. and Henrietta Troxel.

Services were held Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, College Fund for Madison and Jared Ritchison in care of Titus Funeral Home, P.O. Box 705, Warsaw, IN 46580.

THE NEWS SUN
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May 1, 2008, Thursday

Lillian Piggott

WAWAKA — Lillian Irene Piggott, 92, of Wawaka died at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Piggott had been a telephone operator in Wawaka and Albion. She had also worked several years in the post office in Wawaka.

She was a 1933 graduate of Wawaka High School.

Mrs. Piggott was a lifelong member of Wawaka United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Yarley Club.

She was born March 29, 1916, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Albert and Anna M. (Weller) Jacob. She married Wallace E. Piggott on Oct. 24, 1944. He died in 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Piggott and Mike and Linda Piggott, all of Wawaka; a sister, Viola Trittipo of Albion; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church.

Herman Campbell

WAWAKA — Herman L. Campbell, 78, of Wawaka died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Campbell had moved to this area in 1956, coming from Kentucky.

While in Kentucky, he had worked at a lumber mill. He retired in 1992 after 38 years at No-Sag in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

He was born Jan. 29, 1930, in Cornettsville, Ky., to Culbert and Vera (Dixon) Campbell. He married Cannie Mae Smith on May 15, 1954, in Hazard, Ky. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two daughters, Yolanda Hochstetler of Wawaka and Cannie Corinne "Cori" Campbell of Albion; four grandchildren, Ronnie Shane Campbell of Topeka, Christopher H. Boyles of Kendallville, Diana Hochstetler of Wawaka and Cannie Corinne Campbell of Albion; two great-grandchildren, Christopher Shane Slone and Nicholas Stone Slone; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Adams of Wawaka, Opal and Paul Harper of Kendallville and Bernice and James Smith of Cornettsville, Ky.; and three brothers, Elzie and Tish Campbell of Wawaka, Glenn and Maxine Campbell of Rome City and Mearle and Lyda Campbell of Cornettsville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Faye (Campbell) Barkdull in 1980; two sons, Ronnie Lee Campbell in 1978 and Eugene Campbell at birth; and a brother, Lloyd Campbell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery with graveside services conducted by Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Friday at the church with evening services at 7 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Charles Welch

AUBURN — Charles Welch of Indianapolis, formerly of Auburn, died early today, Thursday, May 1, 2008, at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis.

Service arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Larry Kirk

HAMILTON — A memorial gathering for Larry D. Kirk will be Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Mr. Kirk

Mr. Kirk, 69, of Butler, died Thursday, April 3, 2008.

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Earl Stedman

BEDFORD — Earl Robert Stedman, 87, of Bedford died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 6:35 p.m. at the Stonebridge Health Campus in Bedford.

Mr. Stedman had worked at Midwest Dairy and later for Messenger Corp. where he retired as a warehouse foreman. He was a graduate of Watervliet High School in 1940. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II in the battle of Midway and was on the Yorktown aircraft carrier when it sank. He was a member of Gillen Post No. 33 of the American Legion.

He was born Sept. 15, 1920, in Benton Harbor, Mich., to Clarence and Flora (Wigent) Stedman.

He married June Cupp on June 18, 1949, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Candace and Christine Stedman, both of Bedford.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Elmwood Chapel of Day & Carter Mortuary, 1133 Lincoln Ave., Bedford. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn

Calling will be Friday from 3:30-8 p.m. and Saturday from noon-1 p.m. at Day & Carter Mortuary.

To sign a guest book and light a candle in memory, visit daycarter.com.

Gerald Sheefel

FORT WAYNE — Gerald O. "Curly" Sheefel, 98, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sheefel had worked at New Haven Wire and Cable before retiring.

He was a member of the Woodview Church of God.

He was born in Payne, Ohio, on June 11, 1909, to Charles O. and Elnora (Buerkle) Sheefel. He was married to Mildred Lakey Sheefel, as well as Helen Clay Richards. Both preceded him in death.

He is survived by three sons, David and Gerald of Fort Wayne, and Robert of Granite City, Calif.; three daughters, Marjorie Dressler, Carolyn Shoemaker and Pat Stelter, all of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Donna Jean Klammer of Auburn; 31 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Elnora Dogue.

Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Steve Hildebrand officiating.

Calling is two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be Wiltsie Cemetery in Payne.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Larry Rowe

CORUNNA — Larry David Rowe, 53, of Corunna died Monday, April 28, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Rowe worked in construction for the R.L. McCay Company of Columbia City. He served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born in Hudson on April 4, 1955, to Herbert G. and Olabelle (Boyd) Rowe.

He is survived by his mother Olabelle (Rowe) Hanna of Butler; a son, David of Thailand; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Herbert and Margarette Rowe of Wolcottville, Clair and Barbara Rowe of Donna, Texas, and Laurel and Kathy Rowe of Noblesville; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ann Trammell of New Haven, Bonnie and Shawn Spillian of Michigan, and Eva Crawford of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Rebah Schweitzer

HUDSON — Rebah V. Schweitzer, 91, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born in Garrett on Aug. 12, 1916, to Charley and Lydia (Haynes) Sherman. She was a 1934 graduate of Garrett High School. She married Willard R. Schweitzer on Nov. 26, 1936. He died Dec. 16, 1997, after 61 years of marriage.

Mrs. Schweitzer

Mr. Schweitzer

She attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett, and was a member of the Ladies Aid and the Hudson Garden Club. She was very active in missionary work at her church, making comforters for babies and making items for people in Haiti. She also made quilts for all her grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rita K. Nichols of Hudson, and Frances G. and Walter Ray Lockwood Jr. of Marion; four grandchildren and spouses, Brian and Theresa Nichols of Hudson, Greg and Pat Nichols of Paulding, Ohio, Karen Kay and Dan Taylor of Hillard, Ohio, and Mark and Stephanie Lockwood of Gas City; and great-grandchildren, Felicia and Samantha Nichols of Hudson, Ezekiel, Weston, Kirsten and Alyssa Lockwood of Gas City, and Chris and Andrew Taylor of Hillard.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Playter and Dorothy Kitchen; and a son-in-law, Donald R. Nichols in 2006.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will follow at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling begins at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to Lake James Christian Assembly or First Presbyterian Church of Grant County Missions.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Ella Foster

COLDWATER, Mich., — Ella Leona Foster, 87, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Fremont, died Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mrs. Foster

Mrs. Foster was a homemaker and provided child care for many years in Coldwater.

She was a 1939 graduate of Fremont High School, and lived just outside of Fremont before moving. In addition to her family, she was interested in crocheting, jigsaw puzzles, mushroom hunting, and camping.

She was born Jan. 9, 1921, in Fremont to Riley Earl and Clara Mae (Reppert) Northam.

She is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Bill Noyes of Fremont, Barbara and Daniel Hanna of Union City, Mich., and Robin Hissey of Mishawaka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Jean Huss of Fremont, and David and Randi Huss of Coldwater; an "adopted daughter" and spouse, Cheryl and Greg Beer of Fremont; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Willa Durnell of Fremont; several nieces and nephews; and a special caregiver.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Marie Huss, in 1976; two sisters, Dorothy Champion and Vera Moser; and a brother, Raymond Northam.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont, with the Rev. Abe Prater officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Maple Lawn Medical Care and Rehabilitation Center in Coldwater.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
May 1, 2008, Thursday

Robin Gates

KENDALLVILLE — Robin D. Gates, 56, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 24, 2008, at 3:35 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Gates

An area resident since 1971, Mr. Gates retired from Dana Corp. after 30 years of service.

He was born Aug. 3, 1951, in Logansport to Gilbert and Mary (Pottenger) Gates. He married Loretta Trim on July 7, 2007. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael Gates of Kendallville and Skylar Gates of Brimfield; two daughters and a son-in-law, Angela and DeWayne Buchtel of Ligonier and Shantel Gates of Brimfield; one stepson, Trevor Sexton of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Rachel Trim of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Kelsey, Keegan, Tori, Mikaela, Adilyn, Jacqulyn and Ayden; two brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Cheryl Phillips of Demont and Jim and Joann Gates of Fulton; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lois and Richard Babb of Logansport, Linda Westheusin of Connecticut and Bonita of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Randy; and a sister, Shirley.

Services were held Monday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sarah Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield.

Memorials are to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 941 E. 86th St., Indianapolis.

Delbert Morr

WALDRON LAKE — Delbert Earl "Del" Morr, 69, of Waldron Lake died Friday, April 25, 2008, at 2:22 a.m. at his residence.

A 1956 graduate of Kendallville High School, he had lived at Waldron Lake for the past 18 years. He enjoyed fishing with his grandchildren, family members and friends.

Mr. Morr was a journeyman pattern maker and had worked for 23 years in the trade. He previously co-owned and operated Morr Pattern and Tool in Kendallville, where he was vice president. He also worked at Diversified Pattern and Engineering in Avilla, retiring in 1999. He then worked part-time at Baseline Tool in Wawaka.

He was born Nov. 5, 1938, in Kendallville to John A. and Hildegard (Christen) Morr. His mother survives in South Milford. He married Iris Ilene Mock on March 10, 1962, in Ashley. She survives at Waldron Lake.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, six grandchildren and two great-grandsons, Beth Ann and Bruce Richard Newman of South Milford, their daughter, Brooke Renee, their son, Brian Richard and his two sons, Bret and Ethan; Babs Ann and Michael Wesley Diehm of Kendallville, their sons, Mitchell Wesley and Cameron Michael; Brenda Ann and Larry Gayheart of Rome City, their daughters, Morreen Mae and Odessa Ilene; one sister, Jacqueline Marcille Hamlin of South Milford; and one brother and sister-in-law, Clayton Walter and Carolyn Morr of Wawaka.

He was preceded in death by his father; a sister, Darlene Joan Root; and a brother, John Lewis Morr.

Services were Monday at Young Family Funeral Home in Kendallville with Vance Hamlin and the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were his nephews, Sean Mock, Delbert Mock, Vance Hamlin, Doug Morr, Glen Morr and Paul Morr.

Memorials may be made to IUPUI Cancer Center or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
May 1, 2008, Thursday

Memorial service for Doris Taylor is May 10

WOLF LAKE — A "celebration of life" service will be held Saturday, May 10, for Doris Ellen Taylor, 73, of Bear Lake and Nokomis, Fla., who died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Fla.

She had been living in Florida at the time of her death.

The service will be Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

Services pending for Lillian Piggett

WAWAKA— Lillian I. Piggett, 92, of Wawaka died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Tod Ritchison

INDIANAPOLIS — Tod Allen Ritchison, 44, of Shelbyville died Friday, April 25, 2008, at St. Francis South Campus, Indianapolis, due to complications during surgery.

He was warehouse manager for Sysco Food Services of Indianapolis, LLC, for the past six months. He previously worked for Marsh Supermarket Distribution Center, Indianapolis, for three years.

Mr. Ritchison moved to Shelbyville from Topeka seven years ago.

The 1983 Warsaw High School graduate played basketball and baseball for the school. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Shelbyville, and enjoyed golf. He also enjoyed caring for his yard, camping and doing outside work.

On March 1, 1964, he was born in Warsaw to W. Deuane and Carolyn (Troxel) Ritchison. His mother survives in Etna Green. He married Shari L. Dobrunst in Ligonier on Sept. 18, 1993. She survives in Shelbyville.

Also surviving are a son, Jared Ritchison, 8, of Shelbyville; a daughter, Madison Ritchison, 9, of Shelbyville; a sister-in-law, Lesa Ritchison of Sacramento, Calif.; his father and mother-in-law, Irv and Julia Dobrunst of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Jeri Edsall of Kimmell; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father on March 6, 1999, his paternal grandparents, Jesse and Edna Ritchison, and his maternal grandparents, James O. and Henrietta Troxel.

Services were Wednesday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, College Fund for Madison and Jared Ritchison in care of Titus Funeral Home, P.O. Box 705, Warsaw, IN 46580.

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May 2, 2008, Friday

Lillian Rider

LAGRANGE — Lillian M. "Susie" Rider, 57, of LaGrange died at 5 a.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Rider

Mrs. Rider had worked at Wal-Mart, as a nurses' aide, as a bartender and as a social worker for LaGrange County.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange. She was a former member of the Eagles, Moose and American Legion auxiliaries.

She was born March 25, 1951, in Garrett to Everett and Minnie (Peters) Cook. She was raised by Ralph "Bud" and Mildred Harris. Mr. Harris is deceased and Mrs. Harris survives in LaGrange.

She married Marshall Rider in August 1993 in Sturgis, Mich. He preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald Cook of Joplin, Mo., and Shawn Dague and Amy Smith of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters, Ruby Souers and Jeanette Blair, both of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Alice Cook of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Devin Dague and Joshua Dague, both of Sturgis; a niece, Nicole Blain of Burr Oak, Mich.; and five nephews, Jeff and Jonathan Souers, and Ernie, Shawn and Steve Cook.

She was also preceded in death by her father, Ralph "Bud" Harris; three brothers, William, David and Earl Cook Jr.; and a sister, Delores Smith Bolander.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Deacon George Douglas officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

S. Roena Hostetler

LAGRANGE — S. Roena Hostetler, 83, of LaGrange died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

In 1943, she moved from Richland Center, Wis., to LaGrange.

She was the bookkeeper for Hostetler Tire and Auto in LaGrange.

Mrs. Hostetler was a member of the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange, United Methodist Women and Ruth Circle of the church. She was also a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1924, in Reedsburg, Wis., to John H. and Nellie (Gillingham) Truesdale. On June 11, 1943, she married Wayne W. Hostetler in Ontario, Wis. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Craig Parham of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert L. and Elaine Hostetler of LaGrange; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Revs. Ken Weaver and Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Martha Loving

KENDALLVILLE — Martha A. Loving, 91, of Kendallville died on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Loving

Mrs. Loving was a sales clerk for Inman's Jewelry Store in South Haven, Mich., retiring in 1975. She moved to Kendallville in 1985.

Mrs. Loving was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She graduated from South Haven High School in 1932.

Mrs. Loving was born in South Haven, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1916, to Edson L. and Laura E. (Ridley) Cummins. She married Harold Loving on Nov. 28, 1934, in Gobles, Mich. He preceded her death Sept. 1, 1995.

Surviving are a son, Donald and Rosalie Loving of Tiffin, Ohio; three grandchildren, Rachel Myers of Albion, Janet and Scott Rachley of Delta, Ohio, and Amy Loving of Macomb, Ill.; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Phyllis Jacob in 1989; a brother, Cecil Cummins; and four sisters, Helen Roe, Eva Heinzman, Florence Cummins and Elsie Mae Kellog.

Private graveside services will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at First Christian Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier, Pastor Bob Farmer and Pastor Dester Cummins officiating.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Velma Nusbaum

KENDALLVILLE — Velma Nusbaum, 83, of Kendallville died at 6:25 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Nusbaum

Mrs. Nusbaum was a homemaker and did foster care out of her home for 17 years.

She was a member of Liberty Community Church.

Mrs. Nusbaum enjoyed gardening.

She was born April 3, 1925, in Elkhart County to Edward and Mary (Weaver) Kauffman. She married Richard Nusbaum on Aug. 25, 1945. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Kathy Jordan of Sarasota, Fla., Mary and Ron Beckner of Kendallville, Lloyd and Cheryl Nusbaum of Middlebury, Nancy Morris of Goshen, Richard J. Nusbaum of South Bend, Patty and Ron Eutsey of Shipshewana and Jessie Choguet of Elkhart; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Irene Kauffman of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Gerald and Leroy Nusbaum; three sisters, Orpha Eash, Edna Lockwood and Sylvia Kropf; and two brothers, Harley and David Kauffman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Mildred Smith

TOPEKA — Mildred Smith, 98, of Topkea died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at her home.

Services are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Deanna DePew

GARRETT — Deanna L. DePew, 46, of Garrett died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10:46 p.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Ms. DePew worked on the assembly line at Magnavox in Garrett for 18 years.

Ms. DePew

She was born Oct. 7, 1961, in Garrett to Melvin R. and Margie L. (Cooper) DeGrasse. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Hilary DePew of Garrett; a son, Logan DePew of Garrett; her ex-husband, Skip DePew of Corunna; four stepsons, David DePew of Corunna, Randy DePew of Ashley, Ed DePew of Michigan and Eric DePew of Ligonier; a sister, Judy Gordon of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Ron DeGrasse of Houston, Texas, Don DeGrasse of Houston, Paul DeGrasse of Clinton, N.C., and Richard DeGrasse of Angola; four nieces; and four great-nephews.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Jeffery C. House will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hilary and Logan DePew at Garrett State Bank.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

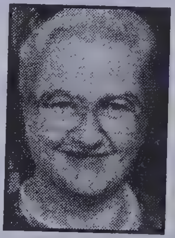
Rebah Schweitzer

HUDSON — Rebah V. Schweitzer, 91, died Monday, April 28, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born in Garrett on Aug. 12, 1916, to Charley and Lydia (Haynes) Sherman. She was a 1934 graduate of Garrett High School. She married Willard R. Schweitzer on Nov. 26, 1936. He died Dec. 16, 1997, after 61 years of marriage.

She attended the First Church of Christ in Garrett, and was a member of the Ladies Aid and the Hudson Garden Club. She was very active in missionary work at her church, making comforters for babies and making items for people in Haiti. She also made quilts for all her grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rita K. Nichols of Hudson, and Frances G. and Walter Ray Lockwood Jr. of Marion; four grandchildren and spouses, Brian and Teresa Nichols of Hudson, Greg and Pat Nichols of Paulding, Ohio, Karen Kay and Dan Taylor of Hilliard, Ohio, and Mark and Stephanie Lockwood of Gas City; and great-grandchildren, Felicia and Samantha Nichols of Hudson, Ezekiel, Weston, Kirsten and Alyssa Lockwood of Gas City, and Chris and Andrew Taylor of Hilliard.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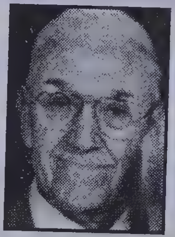
Mr. Schweitzer

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel Playter and Dorothy Kitchen; and a son-in-law, Donald R. Nichols in 2006.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will follow at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling begins at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to Lake James Christian Assembly or First Presbyterian Church of Grant County Missions.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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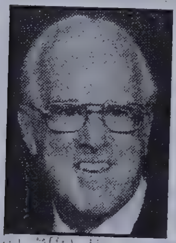
Charles Welch

AUBURN — Charles Welch, 92, of Auburn died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis.


Mr. Welch

Mr. Welch worked in data processing at Messenger Corp. for 43 years, retiring in 1978. He was a corporal in the U.S. Air Force during World War II.

He was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the Auburn Elks Lodge and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

An accomplished golfer, he was a member of Bridgewater Golf Course West and the former Greenhurst Country Club, where he was an eight-time club champion.

He was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Auburn to Robert D. and Estella (Herrick) Welch.

He married Mary L. Imus on June 18, 1948, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn L. and Michael Davis of Carmel; two grandsons, Micah Davis of Westfield and his wife, Misty, and Jacob Davis of Indianapolis; and a great-grandson, Max Davis.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Edward, Frank and Albert Welch; and two sisters, Blanche Baker and Ethel Reasoner.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Wayne St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military honors conducted by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn First United Methodist Church.

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Phyllis J. Custer-Cole

GARRETT — Phyllis J. Custer-Cole, 80, of Garrett, died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at 11:08 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Custer-Cole

She worked in packaging at Stanadyne in Garrett for 12 years, retiring on July 1, 1978. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett, the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary. She played cards at the Heimach Senior Center in Auburn.

She was born June 25, 1927, in Auburn to Walter W. and Lela (Houghton) Foltz.

She married Junior W. Custer on Feb. 7, 1944, in Fort Wayne. He died Aug. 24, 1987.

She married Franklin Cole on Aug. 22, 1992, in Garrett. He died Oct. 17, 2006.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry W. and Lois Custer of Garrett; three stepsons and their spouses, James L. and Diana Cole of Bluffton, Joseph A. and Bonnie Cole of Garrett and John A. and Pam Cole of Springboro, Ohio; a stepdaughter and her husband, Joanne M. and Dean Betts of Albion; three grandchildren and their spouses, Tara and Thomas Smurr of Garrett, Tim and Tanya Custer of Garrett and Ted W. and Diane Custer of Garrett; numerous stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; numerous stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger D. and Betty Clear of New Haven and Larry W. and Nila Clear of Waterloo; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Eleanor and Michael Prokopakis of Santa Clara, Calif., and Marilyn and Herm Fee of Montpelier, Ohio.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Garrett with Pastor David Mix officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 9 - 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Community Kitchen.

To send a condolence or sign the online register book, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Robert Reasoner

KIMMELL — Robert F. Reasoner, 85, of Kimmell died at 1:05 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2008, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

A lifetime area resident, he took over the family farm at age 16 and farmed for over 67 years.

Mr. Reasoner was a 1940 graduate of North Webster High School. He was a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of the American Legion, Order of the Eastern Star, Shrine Provost Unit, Knights of Pythias, Masonic Lodge, Noble County Shrine Club, Mizpah Shrine and Scottish Rite.

He was born in Kosciusko County on Dec. 12, 1922, to LeRoy and Edith (Catey) Reasoner.

Surviving are his life companion, Betty Nyce; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Betty Reasoner of Waynesboro, Va., and Ralph and Terri Reasoner of Ligonier; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jerry Conner of Kimmell; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and six brothers.

Services were Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home's Harris Chapel in Syracuse with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial was in North Webster Cemetery's Mock Addition.

A Masonic service was conducted by Cromwell Lodge No. 705 F&AM.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital for Children.

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Mildred Smith

TOPEKA — Mildred L. Smith, 98, of Topeka died Thursday, May 1, 2008.

She worked as a Topeka telephone operator and a Farmers State Bank teller. She also worked in the LaGrange County Treasurer's Office and LaGrange County Department of Welfare.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith lived in the same home in Topeka for over 69 years. A 1927 graduate of Topeka High School, she earned a degree from Fort Wayne International Business College. She was a life member of Topeka Baptist Church. She enjoyed making quilts and playing the piano and organ.

She was born Sept. 25, 1909, in Topeka to John O. and Bertha A. (Jones) Greenawalt. She married Glen W. Smith on Feb. 3, 1931. He preceded her in death in 2006.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Clarence Campbell; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Brent and Rita Snyder; two granddaughters and a grandson-in-law, Jeanne and Mike Becker and Denise Primeaux; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Madeline Hunter and Lois Ruch; one great-grandson and one great-great-grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Topeka Baptist Church with Pastors Burton Smith and Gene Parker officiating. Burial will be at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. at Topeka Baptist Church.

Memorials are to the Topeka Historical Society.

Jack DeHaven II

FORT WAYNE — Jack M. DeHaven II, 42, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 29, 2008.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the owner of DeHaven Chevrolet in Fort Wayne and DeHaven Chevrolet-Cadillac in Kendallville. He was a graduate of Indiana University where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

Mr. DeHaven enjoyed his summers at Lake Wawasee where he was an avid boater.

Surviving are his wife, Jane of Roanoke; daughter, Lizzy DeHaven; and sister and brother-in-law Jennifer and John Bryan of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Patty DeHaven.

Services are at 11:30 a.m. today at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be 10-11:30 a.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Research or Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation.

Michael Kurtz

BOKEELIA, Fla. — Michael Allen Kurtz, 51, of Bokeelia, Fla., died Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at the Bay Pine Veterans Administration facility in Bay Pines, Fla.

Mr. Kurtz served his country in the military from 1973 to 1975 and went on to receive an associate's degree and became one of the top transmission builders in the country.

He was born June 30, 1956, in Auburn and had lived in Bokeelia for the past four years.

He was baptized in the Methodist Church and was an active member. His hobby was fishing.

Surviving are his parents, Albert and Violet Kurtz of Bokeelia; a brother, Calvin Kurtz of Bokeelia; a sister, Christine Smithers of Elkton, Fla.; two daughters, Nina Lucier of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and Sandra Kurtz of Angola; a granddaughter, Brooklyn Sicard of Angola; and a lifelong friend, Melvin Handshoe.

A private military service for family and friends will take place May 30 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post on Pine Island, Fla.

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Wanda Maxton

Mrs. Maxton

ANGOLA — Wanda Maxton, 99, of Angola died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Maxton was a member of Pleasant View Christian Church in Angola, Friendly Circle at the church, 50-year member and past Worthy Matron of Angola Chapter No. 78 Order of Eastern Star and Jolly Dozen.

She was born Nov. 14, 1908, in DeKalb County to Jesse B. and Lora (Nickols) McClellan. She married Lewis G. Maxton on July 7, 1934. He preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Karen Maxton of Angola and L. Gene and Vicki Maxton of Anderson, N.C.; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Terry Oster of Angola; 10 grandchildren, Shelia and Mike Henderson, Tawnya Gurtner, Kim Bordner, Renee Maxton, Larry G. Maxton, Ann Maxton, Josh Maxton, Denis and Melinda Oster, Darryl and Elizabeth Oster and David and Roberta Oster; four stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Marie Douglas of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one great-grandson, Tony Maxton; two brothers, Glen McClellan and Lloyd McClellan; and two sisters, Ivol Slentz and Ann McClellan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Alvin Covell officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with an Eastern Star Services at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Man loved family, history, tinkering

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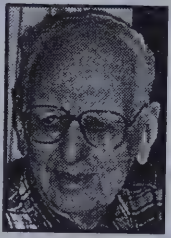
George Capen sits with his brothers in this picture from the 1940s. Mr. Capen died March 19 at the age of 98.

AUBURN — His nieces describe George Capen as an intelligent man who liked to tinker and paid close attention to details.

Mr. Capen died March 19 at the age of 98. Despite his age and failing eyesight, he remained active until the last days of his life at Smith Farms Manor.



Mr. Capen

"He was a very, very intelligent man. You talked to him, and it was like walking through a library," said the Rev. Dale Williams of Auburn First United Methodist Church, who often visited George. "He was well read and very involved. I don't think his sense of curiosity ever left."

George was an engineer by trade, working at Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne for 31 years and retiring in 1975. While he was at Magnavox, his engineering team developed the first television set.

He had such an interest in his work that he continued it at home. He collected radios and tinkered with them in a shop at his home.

While at Magnavox, George worked in a classified area developing sonobuoys, used as submarine-detection devices.

"He used to fly off the coast of Florida and drop these into the ocean. He would tell the stories and say he was in an 'old, rickety plane.' He didn't know if they would make it back," said George's niece, Judith "Judy" Lantz of Auburn.

"One of the things he was heavily involved with was an anti-submarine device. It literally saved hundreds and hundreds of lives," Williams said.

Prior to his work with Magnavox, in 1942, George was a radio mechanic in the U.S. Signal Corps, serving in Panama.

That same year, George married Dorothy L. Tomer on Nov. 12. She died in 2003.

George and his wife traveled to Florida every year. In their younger years, according to his niece, Jean Vose of Auburn, they tended an apple orchard on North Indiana Avenue in Auburn.

"They made cider," Jean said. "Aunt DoDo polished every apple that came out of that orchard. ... They didn't do things halfway."

George even went to Utah to trace his family's genealogy back to 1592.

"You wouldn't believe the clippings I have. ... They're so old. It's unbelievable. He has paper clippings of family members' obituaries in here," said Jean, who indicated he wrote everything by hand and neatly compiled it into an album.

George was born in Auburn Feb. 3, 1910, to Robert and Anna Maud (Baird) Capen. After he got married, he lived next door to his parents on South Indiana Avenue.

"For me, Uncle George and Aunt DoDo were a real important part of my life because my folks divorced, and my dad got custody of us," Jean said. "For not having any kids, they were really very nice to their nieces and nephews."

Jean said her uncle told her about the time he baby-sat her.

"I went to the restroom, and I fell asleep while I was on the potty. .. He just held my head while I slept," said Jean, who started laughing while recalling the story. "He didn't have any kids, but he was good to us."

George often went to dinners and holidays with the family. They were usually at his mother's house. On Christmas, George's mother would hire a maid to wash all the dishes so she could spend time with the family.

George always lived close to family. While living on Indiana Avenue, he built a duplex on Van Buren Street. He and his wife lived on one side of the duplex, and his in-laws lived on the other.

He also owned Capen Apartments — the current site of Shelter Ministries — on Seventh Street for many years. Rollie Muhn built the apartments in 1922 for George's dad, who had a sign shop in the back of building. He painted stripes on buggies and put gold leaf letters on the doors of the courthouse.

George's dad died when George was only a teenager, leaving his mother widowed with four boys to raise. He had another brother who died when he was 14 months old. All his brothers preceded him in death.

"I used to tease him and say, 'Uncle George, you've lived the longest of all your brothers, and you're the only one that never had any kids. Could that be a reason?'"

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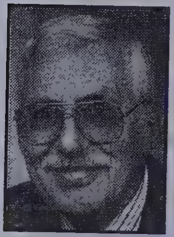
Robert Moran

KENDALLVILLE — Robert Lyall Moran, 77, of Kendallville died Friday, May 2, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Moran moved to Kendallville in 1958 and served 28 years with the Indiana State Police, retiring in 1985 with the rank of squad sergeant. He also spent five years as an Indiana State Police District No. 22 firearms instructor. He graduated from Indiana University Police Academy in 1957. He was a licensed plumber and worked part time in construction for Don Strater, Inc.



Mr. Moran

Following his retirement from the police, he worked as transportation and maintenance director for East Noble School Corp. for seven years and tool room manager for J.O. Mory for five years.

He served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service during the Korean War from January 1952 to January 1956. He graduated from submarine school in New London, Conn., and was selected as a member of the original crew of the world's first atomic-powered submarine, the U.S.S. Nautilus. He attended the University of Pittsburgh to study nuclear power and received further training in Blackfoot, Idaho, in preparation for the launch of the Nautilus. He was an engineman first class.

He was born Nov. 19, 1930, in Three Rivers, Mich., to E. Lyall and Vivian (Kramb) Moran. He graduated from Bristol High School in 1949. While in high school, he played basketball, baseball and ran track. He played sousaphone in the band. He married Frances Meitzler on Jan. 4, 1951, in First Methodist Church in Bristol. She survives in Kendallville.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, where he was a church youth group sponsor for eight years and a church trustee for six years. He was a lifetime member of Kendallville American Legion Post No. 86, serving as past vice-commander and historian for eight years.

He was a life member of the Nautilus Alumni Association, a 50-year member of Kendallville Masonic Lodge No. 276 and a member of Indiana University Alumni Association, the Pioneers of the Indiana State Police, the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, the Indiana State Police Memorial Foundation, the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 122 and the Kendallville Windmill Museum and Historical Society.

He was an excellent wood worker and restored many antiques. He enjoyed his family, working on antique cars and tractors and working in his garden, fields and yard.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and David Hockley of Kendallville, Marsha and Raymond Bassett of Kendallville and Dr. Nancy and Norman Hockley of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and their spouses, Megan Hockley of Kendallville, Mark and Huong (Nguyen) Hockley of Chicago, Angela and Tim Bruckner of Fort Wayne, Laura and John Herendeen of Clyde, Ohio, Sarah Hockley of Fort Wayne and Samuel Hockley of Fort Wayne; a stepgreat-granddaughter, Kelsey Bruckner of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Orville DeMorrow of Idabel, Okla.; and two nieces and two nephews and their families.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Moran.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with the Indiana State Police Honor Guard escorting and Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the American Legion Post No. 86 conducting military honors.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Masonic services at 7:45 p.m., conducted by members of the F&AM Kendallville Lodge.

Casketbearers will be David Hockley, Norman Hockley, Ray Bassett, Mark Hockley, Tim Bruckner, Sam Hockley and John Herendeen.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

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Richard L. Thiel

FORT WAYNE — Richard L. "Rick" Thiel, 56, of Fort Wayne, died at 5:07 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2008, at the family residence in Eel River Township. He had been in declining health since October.

Mr. Thiel was employed as a locomotive engineer for Norfolk & Southern Railroad for 37 years. He was a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. He enjoyed Indiana University basketball, Indianapolis Colts football and spending time with his family.

He was born in Fort Wayne on July 31, 1951, a son of Lewis and Valera (Lohman) Thiel, both of whom are deceased. He spent his formative years in Fort Wayne, and graduated from Northside High School in 1969.

He married Betty J. "BJ" Dazey in Huntertown on Oct. 13, 1979. She survives in Fort Wayne.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, Eric Thiel of Kingman, Ariz; a daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Rob Niman of Fort Wayne; two sisters, a son-in-law and a life partner, Sara and Dick Conrow of Churubusco and Becky Shedd and Gwen Ostrander of LaOtto; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Mary Thiel of Garrett, Jon and Margaret Thiel of Auburn, and Dave and Barbara Thiel of Garrett; four grandchildren, Robby Niman, Wesley Niman, Braylon J. Niman and Parker Lynn Niman; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, with Pastor Russ Abel officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling is Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco or Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sheetsandchilds.net.

Delores Smart

LAOTTO — Delores M. Smart, 68, of LaOtto died Friday, May 2, 2008, at 7 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, following a lengthy illness. She was a lifetime resident of Avilla and LaOtto.

She had worked as a licensed practical nurse for Dr. Stallman, Lutheran Home, Sacred Heart Home, Byron Health Center and St. Joseph Hospital. She was a 1961 graduate of Fort Wayne Community Nursing School. She was a resident council member for Northridge Village in Albion and enjoyed flowers, music, bingo and having fun.

She was born on Oct. 15, 1939, in Avilla to Bruce and Edith (Richard) Coil, both of whom are deceased.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer Egly of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, William R. and Tammy Smart of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Marge Coil of Millersburg; five grandchildren, Heath, Derek, David, Crystal and William; and five great-grandchildren, Brook, Hope, Nevaeh, Chloe and Chase.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be Monday from 1-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

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Alice Gael

GARRETT — Alice L. Gael, 82, of Ruskin, Fla., and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 8:07 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was employed in the office of Stanadyne in Garrett until retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born in Stroh on Aug. 2, 1925, to Guy and Sara (Davis) Call and they preceded her in death. She married Lloyd J. Gael on June 30, 1973, in South Milford and he survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Virginia Mueller of Sherwood, Mich.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, John C. and Judy Gael of Auburn; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Judy Winchester of Columbia City, Karen and Bill Howard of Albion, and Mary and Ron Culbertson of Auburn; two sisters, Dorothy Armasted of Florida and Christine Eddins of Birmingham, Ala.; five grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Florence Greene; one grandchild; two brothers; and four sisters.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Wanda Maxton

ANGOLA — Wanda Maxton, 99, of Angola died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Maxton was a member of Pleasant View Christian Church in Angola, Friendly Circle at the church, 50-year member and past Worthy Matron of Angola Chapter No. 78 Order of Eastern Star and Jolly Dozen.

Mrs. Maxton

She was born Nov. 14, 1908, in DeKalb County to Jesse B. and Lora (Nickols) McClellan. She married Lewis G, Maxton on July 7, 1934. He preceded her in death Jan. 15, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Karen Maxton of Angola and L. Gene and Vicki Maxton of Anderson, S.C.; one daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Terry Oster of Angola; 10 grandchildren, Shelia and Mike Henderson, Tawnya Gurtner, Kim and Bruce Bordner, Renea Maxton, Larry G. Maxton, Anne Maxton, Josh Maxton, Denis and Melinda Oster, Darryl and Elizabeth Oster and David and Roberta Oster; four stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Marie Douglas of Florida.

She also was preceded in death by one great-grandson, Tony Maxton; two brothers, Glen McClellan and Lloyd McClellan; and two sisters, Ivol Slentz and Ann McClellan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Alvin Covell officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with an Eastern Star Services at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

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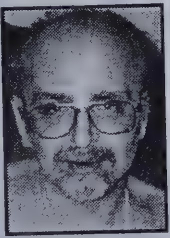
Thomas Knisely

FORT WAYNE — Thomas M. Knisely, 46, died Thursday, May 1, 2008, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Decatur, he was employed in the Wal-Mart dairy department for five years.


Mr. Knisely

He was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church and graduated from Northrop High School in 1980.

Surviving are his mother, Sharon A. Knisely of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Laverna and Ronald Reaves of Brownsburg, Kathleen and Wade Short of Kendallville, and Karen Sutphin of Brownsburg; two uncles and an aunt, Stan and Marabeth Knisely of Huntertown and Ernest Knisely of Huntington; 11 nieces and nephews; and eight great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, LaVern A. Knisely.

Services were today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home with the Rev. Brenda Ginder officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the family or to the donor's choice.

Perry Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Perry M. Miller, 82, of Middlebury died at 10:05 a.m. Sunday, May 4, 2008, at his home following a brief illness.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and had work at Wanberg Popcorn Co. in Middlebury.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born March 29, 1926, in LaGrange County to Menno and Barbara (Mast) Miller. He married Laura Miller on June 13, 1961. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Naomi Fay Miller of Middlebury and Suvilla and Clyde Otto of Hillsboro, Wis.; two sons, Glen and Margaret Miller of Middlebury and Gerald and Ruby Miller of Topeka; 15 grandchildren; and a brother, Amos Miller of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Norma Kaye Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Clarence Wingard residence, 10104 C.R. 16, Middlebury, with Bishop Melvin R. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Condolences may be sent to the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Wilma Bontrager

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilma Mabel (Miller) Bontrager, 84, of Wolcottville died at 12:55 a.m. today, Monday, May 5, 2008, at the home of her son, Orla Bontrager.

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

A lifetime area resident, she was born Jan. 22, 1924, in LaGrange County to Henry and Susie (Schrock) Miller. She married Amos W. Bontrager on Feb. 15, 1945. They had been married for 56 years when he preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Harley Schlabach of Arthur, Ill., Martha and Norman Hochstetler of Charlotte, Mich., Orpha and Levi Eash of Wawaka and Wilma and Paul Lambright of Wolcottville; five sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Betty Bontrager of Wolcottville, Orla and Sadie Bontrager of Rome City, William and Barbara Bontrager of Topeka, Wilbur and Norma Jean Bontrager of Dalton, Wis., and Vernon and Sara Sue Bontrager of Markesan, Wis.; 72 grandchildren; and 131 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, four sisters and one grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the home of her son, Marvin Bontrager, 1110 W. C.R. 700S, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Clear Spring Cemetery.

Calling will be today after 3 p.m. and all day Tuesday at the home of Marvin Mast, 1055 W. C.R. 700S, Wolcottville, and after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Marvin Bontrager residence.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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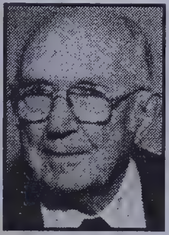
Verne Schlemmer

LAGRANGE — Verne S. Schlemmer, 90, of LaGrange died Saturday, May 3, 2008, at his home.


Mr. Schlemmer

Mr. Schlemmer became a partner in Schlemmer Hardware in 1955 and retired from there in 1983.

He had lived most of his life in LaGrange. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Schlemmer was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the VFW of Angola.

He was an avid fisherman.

He was born on Jan. 24, 1918, in Monroeville to George W. and Iva P. (Shaffer) Schlemmer. He married Ruth M. Brunner on Nov. 11, 1940, in Howe. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and David Bricker of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Frederick "Fritz" and Diane Schlemmer of LaGrange; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Loreen Schlemmer of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David W. Schlemmer.

A memorial service will be at a later date at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Carl Bremer

AVILLA — Carl W. Bremer, 71, of Avilla died at 8:20 a.m. Sunday, May 4, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Bremer was the owner of Bremer's Country Kitchen restaurant in Avilla.

He had moved to the Avilla area 39 years ago from Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bremer enjoyed woodworking, leather crafting and fishing.

He was born Oct. 27, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Arnold and Luella (Peppler) Bremer. He married Susan Springer on Aug. 7, 1959, at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Rebecca Gilbert of Claypool; a son, David and Tammy Bremer of Albion; two sisters, his twin, Carol Mays and her husband, David, of Huntington and Margaret Marlowe of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Kenneth Bremer of Fort Wayne and Fred Bremer and his wife, Carol, of New Haven; and seven grandchildren, Joshua and Krystal Fike, David and Kimberly Gilbert and Madison, Riley and Mallory Bremer.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Ritchie.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla with military honors by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immanual Lutheran Church or Parkview Hospice.

Edna Kline

ANGOLA — Edna Grace Kline, 89, of Angola, formerly of Elkhart, died Friday, May 2, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Kline was a teacher, first in Kansas, then at Elkhart Community Schools. She retired in 1977.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Elkhart, Goshen and Elkhart Antique Study Club, Retired Teachers Association; Mr. and Mrs. Club, the Garden Club; was a former member of the Book Club, Eastern Star, Red Cross and the YM and YWCA. She was an avid gardener, and sewed, painted, collected dolls, antiques, and ceramics.

She was born June 9, 1918, in Harper, Kan., to Oliver and Leah (Beyler) Hostetler. She married Elmo Kline on Aug. 31, 1946, in Chicago. He died Jan. 14, 2007.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and John Maurer of Angola, and Valerie and Jerry Williams of Fort Worth, Texas; a brother, Clarence B. Hostetler of White Pigeon, Mich.; and a sister, Avis King of Atlanta.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Mildred Hartzler, Opal Pan Kratz, and Elda Kreidler; and a brother, Don Hostetler.

Services are private, with the Rev. Don Reed officiating. Burial will be in Harper, Kan.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home in Elkhart.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or Greencroft.

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Betty Rollins

CHURUBUSCO — Betty I. Rollins, 64, of Churubusco died at 3:10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2008, at her home. She had been in failing health for nearly two years.

Mrs. Rollins had been employed at Dana Corp. in Churubusco for 31 years, retiring from there in 2003.

Mrs. Rollins

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and a life member of both the Churubusco American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliaries. She was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Garrett.

Mrs. Rollins was born in Allen County on June 28, 1943, to Jeremiah and Mary (Guilliam) Heffelfinger. She married George Geiger on Jan. 19, 1963. He preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1981. She then married Charles Rollins on July 29, 1984. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Debra L. Geiger of Churubusco and Richard and Wilda Geiger of Fort Wayne; a sister, Doris O'Connell of Churubusco; and three grandchildren, Richia Geiger, Tylor Geiger and Kaylene Geiger.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Fritz, on Jan. 6, 1986.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723, or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Condolences are to sheetsandchilds.net.

Danny Widdifield

FORT WAYNE — Danny E. Widdifield, 61, died Friday, May 2, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Widdifield was employed at Slater Steel before retiring in 2003. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving in Vietnam.

He took great pleasure in mowing the lawn.

He was born to William and Angie Widdifield.

He is survived by his wife, Connie D. Widdifield of Fremont; a son, Jon Widdifield of Charlotte, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Angie and Ted Bowser of Spencerville, and Gina Widdifield of Woodburn; the mother of his children, Elaine Widdifield; two stepsons, Alan Fanning of Fremont, and Marc Fanning of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters and their spouses, Jennifer and Eric Miller of Angola, Lori Fanning and Mike Dudley of Avilla and Lana Fanning and Jeff Bauhof of Fremont; his father, William Widdifield Sr. of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, William Jr. and Marcia Widdifield of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Kay and Bill Same of New Haven, and Kathy and Tom Rinehold of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Justin, Teagen Widdifield, Dakota, Daniel Bowser, Celeste, Alex, Jarrett, Cain, Courtney, Briana, Clea and Boden.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, T.J. Bowser, in 1999.

Services are at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Harlan Cemetery in Harlan.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodlan Jr. and Sr. School Athletic Department or the Harlan Youth Center.

Maurice Marshall

FORT WAYNE — Maurice A. Marshall, 93, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Fremont died Sunday, May 4, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 19, 1915.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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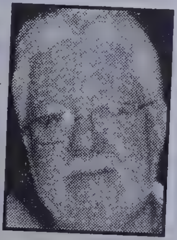
Jesse Messer Jr.

AVILLA — Jesse W. Messer Jr., 60, of Avilla died Monday, May 5, 2008, at his residence in Avilla.



Mr. Messer Jr.

Mr. Messer had been employed as an inspector with Mahoney Foundry in Kendallville for about 13 years. He had worked in the foundry business for more than 30 years, also working at Lane Foundry and Kendallville Foundry.

He loved to play golf and also liked to go fishing, play cards and travel. He was a Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed all sports, especially college basketball and football.

He was born in Lothair, Ky., on May 16, 1947, to the Rev. Jesse Sr. and Dale (Roark) Messer. His father died in 2000 and his mother died in 2008.

Surviving are his longtime companion, Karen Markward of Avilla; two daughters, Robin Tackett of Kendallville and Rhonda Handshoe of Albion; a son, Jesse William Messer III of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Teri and Eddy Roark of Albion; and two aunts and uncles, Ilda and Elmer Terry of Kendallville and Helen and Ed Roark of Richmond, Ky.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Jennifer Messer, in October 2001, and his great-grandchild, Jesslyn Gallo, in 2004.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brimfield Revival Center with Pastor Brett Frick and Ergle Calhoun officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Clarence Gaff

KIMMELL — Clarence Spencer Gaff, 82, of Kimmell died at 6:05 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Gaff had been a molder for 13 years and then was self-employed as an electrical contractor until his retirement.

He was a member of the Church of Christ in Illinois and Indiana. He was also a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Mr. Gaff served in the European Theater during World War II.

He was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Green Township, Noble County, to Franklin and Annetta (McNeal) Gaff. He married Emma J. Wiley on March 10, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Anthony and Peggy Gaff of Kewanee, Ill., Timothy and Joyce Gaff of Kimmell, Nicholas and Sandy Gaff of Oceola and Mark Gaff of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and John Hawley of Winchester; a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Rex Stangland; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Jeanne, and a sister, Millie Boggs.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastors Wray McCalester and Anthony Gaff officiating. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Township.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic in care of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a correction.*

Alice Gael

GARRETT — Alice L. Gael, 82, of Ruskin, Fla., and formerly of Garrett died Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 8:07 a.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Gael

She was employed in the office of Stanadyne in Garrett until retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born in Stroh on Aug. 2, 1925, to Guy and Sara (Davis) Call.

She married Lloyd J. Gael on June 30, 1973, in South Milford and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Virginia Mueller of Sherwood, Mich.; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, John C. and Jennie Gael of Auburn; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Judy Winchester of Columbia City, Karen and Bill Howard of Albion, and Mary and Ron Culbertson of Auburn; two sisters, Dorothy Armasted of Florida and Christine Eddins of Birmingham, Ala.; five grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Florence Greene; one grandchild; two brothers; and four sisters.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Wilma Bontrager

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilma Mabel (Miller) Bontrager, 84, of Wolcottville died at 12:55 a.m. Monday, May 5, 2008, at the home of her son, Orla Bontrager.

Mrs. Bontrager was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

A lifetime area resident, she was born Jan. 22, 1924, in LaGrange County to Henry and Susie (Schrock) Miller. She married Amos W. Bontrager on Feb. 15, 1945. They had been married for 56 years when he preceded her in death.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Harley Schlabach of Arthur, Ill., Martha and Norman Hochstetler of Charlotte, Mich., Orpha and Levi Eash of Wawaka and Wilma and Paul Lambright of Wolcottville; five sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Betty Bontrager of Wolcottville, Orla and Sadie Bontrager of Rome City, William and Barbara Bontrager of Topeka, Wilbur and Norma Jean Bontrager of Dalton, Wis., and Vernon and Sara Sue Bontrager of Markesan, Wis.; 72 grandchildren; and 131 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, four sisters and one grandson.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of her son, Marvin Bontrager, 1110 W. C.R. 700S, Wolcottville, with Bishop Nathan Miller officiating. Burial will be in Clear Spring Cemetery.

Calling will be all day today at the home of Norman Mast, 1055 W. C.R. 700S, Wolcottville.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Maurice Marshall

FORT WAYNE — Maurice A. Marshall, 93, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Fremont, died Sunday, May 4, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Marshall

Mr. Marshall served as vocational agriculture teacher at Fremont High School from 1939-42, and again from 1958-76, when he retired. He taught at Avilla High School from 1945-58.

He graduated from Champaign (Ill.) High School in 1932, and the University of Illinois in 1939. He completed his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in 1968. He served as a Boy Scouts of America assistant Scoutmaster for five years. He served as a Future Farmers of America adviser for 35 years, and as a 4-H leader for over 30 years. He was a member of the WBCCI- Airstream Travel Trailer Club, and a past Fort Wayne unit president. He was an adviser to the National Honors Society at Fremont High School. He was a 50-year member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460 F&AM, and past master. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, and a member of the Fort Wayne York Rite Masonic fraternity. He was a member of Angola Christian Church, where he had served as elder and deacon.

He was born March 19, 1915, in Tuscola, Ill., to Homer and Anna (Adams) Marshall. He married Laura Summers on Nov. 23, 1939, in Champaign. She preceded him in death on Jan. 20, 2006.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Maurice and Maureen Marshall of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and Edward and Obe Marshall of Defiance, Ohio; two grandchildren, Todd Marshall and Lauri Whiteford; and three great-grandchildren, Nolan Lantz, and Melia and Lilly Whiteford.

He was also preceded in death by a brother and sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Masonic services will be at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Urbana, Ill.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Marion Thorne-Craighead

AVILLA — Marion Jean (Betts) Thorne-Craighead, 86, died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Thorne-Craighead

Mrs. Thorne-Craighead was a native of Fort Wayne and a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church at Rome City.

Mrs. Thorne-Craighead was a graduate of the Fort Wayne Art School.

Surviving are four daughters, Penny Bryan of Fort Wayne, Candy and Gary Rasler of Wolcottville, April and Kim Davis of Stephenson, Mich., and Suellen and Brian Golba of Burlington, Ontario, Canada; a son, Greg Thorne of Arizona; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Martin E. Thorne, in 1988; her second husband, Richard A. Craighead, in 1992; and a brother, Neal Betts, in 2002.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, 515 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710.

Eleanor Green

BRONSON, Mich. — Eleanor May Green, 82, of Bronson died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Community Health Center of Branch County Hospice in Bronson.

Mrs. Green was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Bronson. She was fond of hosting family dinners and played the organ. She graduated from Orland High School as valedictorian.

Mrs. Green was born May 23, 1925, in Orland to Carl and Bessie (Berry) Keeslar. She married Stanley Green on May 23, 1943, in Bronson. He died Sept. 13, 2003.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Ruth Ann Green of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter, Paula Ludwick of Coldwater; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Munger of Angola; and her caregiver, Aloma Welch.

She was preceded in death by two daughters and three brothers.

Graveside services will be held at North Gilead Cemetery on Friday, May 23.

Memorials are to CHC Hospice.

Arrangements are by the Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson.

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Walton Funk

LAGRANGE — Walton I. Funk, 87, of LaGrange died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Funk was a retired farmer. He had also worked for Redman Homes in Topeka and for Ivers Lee in Shipshewana.

Mr. Funk

He was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a member of Lakeview United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1920, in Clearspring Township in LaGrange County to Roscoe and Pearl (Kitchen) Funk. He married Alice Miller on June 1, 1952, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on Feb. 26, 2006.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marolyn and James Sheffield of LaGrange, Carolyn and Kenneth Melanson of Palm City, Fla., Linda and Thomas Hines of LaGrange and Lauri Eash of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Nancy Funk of Greer, S.C.; 18 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Vivian Rowe of New Haven, Jean Pischke and Joan D'Antonio both of Chicago, Betty Kolpak of Elizabethtown, Ky., and LaDonna Whetzel of Wolcottville; and a brother, Stanley Funk of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a great-grandchild; a sister, Genevieve Totte; and two brothers, Escoe and Paul Funk.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Revs. Diana Siegel and Emerald Joe Miller officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeview United Methodist Church or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Send condolences to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Madge Bolen

LAGRANGE — Madge Bolen, 64, of rural LaGrange died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Bolen had been employed more than 30 years for Newnam Foundry, Lane Foundry and Kendallville Foundry.

Mr. Bolen

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and working around his home.

He was born in Rock Fork Creek near Garrett, Ky., on Oct. 6, 1943, to Granville and Ogie (Handshoe) Bolen. He married Mary Jo Collins on June 8, 1963, in Avilla. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters, Aileena and Juan Urbina of LaGrange, Pam and Jim Stokes of Kendallville and Nicole Bolen of Topeka; a son, Granville and Amy Bolen of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, Josh Bolen of Wolcottville and Angela Clouse of Angola; a great-grandchild, Kayden Goody of LaGrange; two brothers, Gary and Sandy Bolen of Rome City and Ronnie and Lisa Bolen of LaGrange; and five sisters, Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell, Emily and Robert Johnson of LaGrange, Barbara Halbalken of Wolcottville, Bonnie and Roy Collins of Kendallville and Connie and Lana Messer of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Espinoza in February 1988, and two brothers, Kenneth Bolen in 1994 and Don Bolen in 1998.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery at LaGrange. Pallbearers will be Josh Bolen, Gary Bolen, Andy McPherson, Herb Christlieb, Granville Bolen and Kenny Cassiday.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and after 3 p.m. Thursday at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with a service at 7 p.m.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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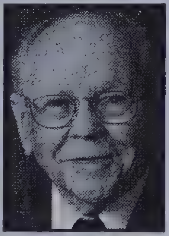
Ralph Miller

FORT WAYNE — Ralph G. Miller, 85, died Monday, May 5, 2008, at his home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a native and lifetime resident of Fort Wayne. He worked in the Cutting and Grinding Department with Dana Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 47. He was a bowler and was a "classroom helper" at Forest Park Elementary School with his daughter, Vicki.

Surviving are his son, Larry Miller of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Kimberly Bartrom and her husband, Greg, Lisa Ellis and her husband, Rob, Adam Miller and Laura Miller; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris "Babe" Miller, in 2003, and a daughter, Vicki Minnick, in 2002.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Day Away Adult Day Care, 1701 Freeman St., Suite 3, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

William Radcliffe

FREMONT — William T. "Bill" Radcliffe, 75, of Fremont died Monday, May 5, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Radcliffe was a farmer beginning in 1950 and was active until his death. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He graduated from Angola High School in 1950. He was a member of North Scott Christian Church, and also attended Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257, Star Masonic Lodge No. 225 F & AM in Orland. His hobbies included wood working, hunting and reading.

He was born Aug. 10, 1932, in Jackson Township to J. Glenn and Edna (Chrysler) Radcliffe. He married Nancy E. Hayes on March 2, 1962. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Eric Radcliffe of Angola, and Ernest and Loubna Radcliffe of Coldwater, Mich.; and a granddaughter, Julia Radcliffe of Coldwater.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Matthew Radcliffe.

Services will be announced at a later date. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home in Woodburn.

Condolences may be left at radcliffecondolences@yahoo.com.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is handling the arrangements.

Mary Kunsman

ANGOLA — Mary Kunsman, 72, of Angola died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Kunsman was a hostess at Bennigan's Restaurant in Angola.

Mrs. Kunsman

She enjoyed spending time with her family, meeting at McDonald's for coffee with her friends and going to Wal-Mart. She enjoyed eating out and watching people walk by, crossword puzzles, crocheting, reading her Bible, and was very fond of her dogs. She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Fremont. She had formerly lived in Bryan, Ohio, and Deming, N.M.

She was born Sept. 30, 1935, in St. George, Kan., to Clyde and Ora Pearl (Woods) Bolte. She married Ned C. Kunsman on July 25, 1955, in Edon, Ohio. He died May 20, 2004.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Frenche and Robert Salaiz of Angola, and Andre and Rob Dorsey of Fremont; a granddaughter, Tracey Salaiz of Angola; a grandson, Chris Salaiz of Angola; and a sister, Liz Holloway of Manhattan, Kan.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Beverly.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Jehovah's Witness Hall in Fremont, with a gathering of friends and family at Bennigan's at 3 p.m.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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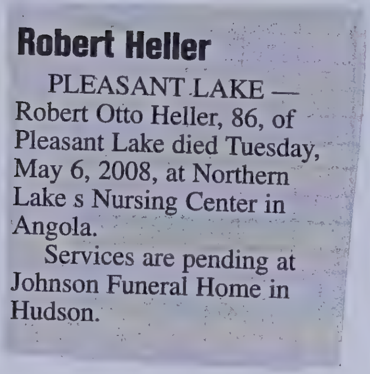
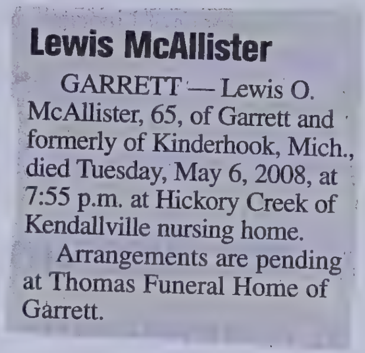


Robert Heller

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert Otto Heller, 86, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Northern Lake s Nursing Center in Angola.

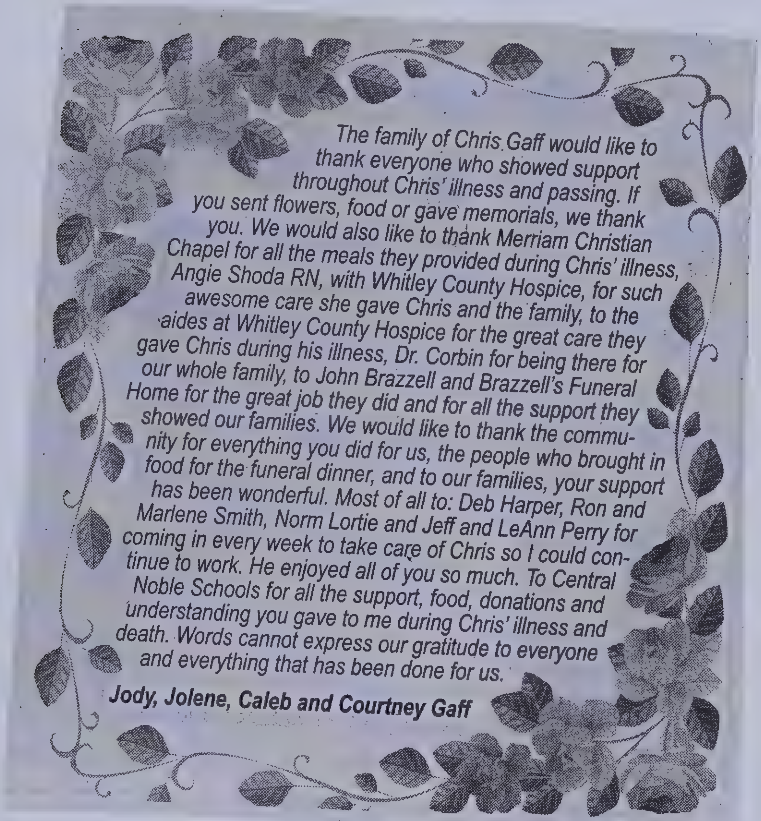
Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.



Lewis McAllister

GARRETT — Lewis O. McAllister, 65, of Garrett and formerly of Kinderhook, Mich., died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 7:55 p.m. at Hickory Creek of Kendallville nursing home.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.



The family of Chris Gaff would like to thank everyone who showed support throughout Chris' illness and passing. If you sent flowers, food or gave memorials, we thank you. We would also like to thank Merriam Christian Chapel for all the meals they provided during Chris' illness, Angie Shoda RN, with Whitley County Hospice, for such awesome care she gave Chris and the family, to the aides at Whitley County Hospice for the great care they gave Chris during his illness, Dr. Corbin for being there for our whole family, to John Brazzell and Brazzell's Funeral Home for the great job they did and for all the support they showed our families. We would like to thank the community for everything you did for us, the people who brought in food for the funeral dinner, and to our families, your support has been wonderful. Most of all to: Deb Harper, Ron and Marlene Smith, Norm Lortie and Jeff and LeAnn Perry for coming in every week to take care of Chris so I could continue to work. He enjoyed all of you so much. To Central Noble Schools for all the support, food, donations and understanding you gave to me during Chris' illness and death. Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone and everything that has been done for us.

Jody, Jolene, Caleb and Courtney Gaff

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Carl W. Bremer, 71

AVILLA – Carl W. Bremer passed away Sunday, May 4, 2008 at his residence near Avilla. He had lived in the Avilla community for the past 39 years coming from Fort Wayne originally.

He was born October 27, 1936 to Arnold C. and Luella (Peppler) Bremer in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

On August 7, 1959 he married Susan D. Springer at the Emmaus Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne, IN. She survives.

He was the owner of Bremer's County Kitchen in Avilla.

He enjoyed wood working, leather crafting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife Susan D. Springer; one daughter Rebecca Gilbert of Claypool, IN; one son David C. (Tammy) Bremer of Albion; seven grandchildren, Joshua and Krystal Fike; David and Kimberly Gilbert; Madison, Riley and Mallory Bremer; two sisters a twin sister Carol (David) Mays of Huntington, IN and Margaret Marlowe of Ft. Wayne; two brothers Kenneth Bremer of Ft. Wayne and Fred (Carol) Bremer of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his parents Arnold and Luella Bremer and one daughter Betty Ritchie.

Services were held May 7, 2008 at the Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel. Pastor Thomas Dunbar officiated.

Burial took place at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla, IN with military graveside honors by Avilla American Post #240.

For those who wish memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Parkview Hospice.

Doris Ellen Taylor

A Celebration of Life service for Doris Ellen Taylor of Bear Lake near Wolf Lake, Indiana, and Nokomis, Florida, will be held Saturday, May 10, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church on U.S. 33 in Wolf Lake, Indiana.

Mrs. Taylor, 73, died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Florida. She had battled cancer for several years.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic in care of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 64, Wolf Lake, IN 46796.

Lillian Irene Piggott, 92

ALBION – Lillian Irene Piggott, 92, from Wawaka died April 29, 2008 at 11:45 p.m. at Northridge Village in Albion, IN.

She was born March 29, 1916 to Albert and Anna Mete (Weller) Jacob in Paulding County, Ohio.

She graduated from Wawaka High School in 1933.

On October 24, 1944 she married Wallace Edward Piggott. He preceded her in death in 1995.

She had worked as a telephone operator for Wawaka and Albion. She also worked at the Post Office in Wawaka for several years.

She was a lifelong member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church and a member of the Yarley Club.

She was a grandmother and a great-grandmother.

Survivors include two sons Bill Piggott and Mike (Linda) Piggott of Wawaka; one sister Viola Trittipo of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Anna Jacob; her husband Wallace Piggott; two brothers and one sister.

Services were held May 2, 2008 at the Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier. Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiated. Burial took place at Cosperville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wawaka United Methodist Church.

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Richard L. "Rick" Thiel, 56

FORT WAYNE – Richard L. "Rick" Thiel, 56 a resident of Fort Wayne, died at 5:07 p.m. on Friday, May, 2, 2008, at the family residence in Eel River Township. He had been in declining health since October.

Mr. Thiel was born in Fort Wayne on July 31, 1951, a son of Lewis and Valera (Lohman) Thiel. He spent his formative years in Fort Wayne and graduated from Northside High School in 1969.

On October 13, 1979 he was married in Huntertown to Betty J. "BJ" Dazey, and spent his married life in Fort Wayne. He was employed as a locomotive engineer for Norfolk & Southern Railroad for 37 years.

He was a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. In his leisure time enjoyed Indiana University basketball, Indianapolis Colts football, and most especially loved spending time with his beloved family.

The surviving relatives include his wife Betty "BJ" Thiel; his son Eric Thiel of Kingman , Arizona; his daughter Erin (Rob) Niman of Fort Wayne; two sisters Sara (Dick) Conrow of Churubusco and Becky (life partner Gwen Ostrander) Shedd of LaOtto; three brothers Dan (Mary) Thiel of Garrett, Jon (Margaret) Thiel of Auburn and Dave (Barbara) Thiel of Garrett; grandchildren Robby Niman, Wesley Niman, Braylon J. Niman and Parker Lynn Niman; along with several nieces and nephews.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services were held May 6, 2008 at the St. Joseph United Methodist Church. Pastor Russ Abel officiated.

Interment took place in the Riverview Cemetery, Allen County.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, #200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Thiel's memory, please log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Martha Loving, 91

Mrs. Loving was born in South Haven , Michigan on August 16, 1916 to Edson L. and Laura E. (Ridley) Cummins.

She graduated from South Haven High School, South Haven, Michigan in 1932.

She married Harold Loving on November 28, 1934 in Gobles, Michigan and he preceded her death September 1, 1995.

Mrs. Loving was a sales clerk for Inman's Jewelry Store in South Haven, Michigan retiring in 1975.

She came to Kendallville in 1985 and was a member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: son, Donald (Rosalie) Loving of Tiffin, Ohio; three grandchildren, Rachel Myers of Albion, Indiana, Janet (Scott) Rachley of Delta, Ohio, and Amy Loving of Macomb, Illinois; five great grandchildren:

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Phyllis Jacob in 1989; brother, Cecil Cummins and sisters, Helen Roe, Eva Heinzman, Florence Cummins and Elsie Mae Kellog.

Graveside funeral services and burial were private at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Officiating the memorial service were Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier, Pastor Bob Farmer and Pastor Dester Cummins.

Preferred Memorials may be made to First Christian Church.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Jesse W. Messer, Jr., 60

AVILLA – Jesse W. Messer, Jr., age 60, of Avilla died on Monday, May 5, 2008 at his residence in Avilla.

He was born in Lothair, Kentucky on May 16, 1947 to Rev. Jesse and Dale (Roark) Messer, Sr.

Mr. Messer was employed as an inspector with Mahoney Foundry in Kendallville for about 13 years.

He worked in the foundry business for 30+ years also working at Lane Foundry and Kendallville Foundry.

Jr. loved to play golf with with his companion, Karen. He also liked to go fishing, play cards, and travel.

He was a Chicago Cubs fan and a enjoyed all sports especially college basketball and football.

Survivors include his companion for many years, Karen Markward of Avilla; two daughters, Robin Tackett of Kendallville and Rhonda Handshoe of Albion; a son, Jesse William Messer, III, of Kendallville; eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren; a sister, Teri (Eddy) Roark of Albion; Aunts and uncles, Ilda and Elmer Terry of Kendallville and Helen and Ed Roark of Richmond, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Jesse Messer, Sr. in 2000, his mother, Dale Messer in 2008, his sister, Jennifer Messer in October 2001, and his great grandchild, Jesslyn Gallo in 2004.

Visitation will be Wednesday, May 7, 2008, from 2:00-4:00 & 6:00-8:00 pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 11:00 am at Brimfield Revival Center.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Brett Frick and Ergle Calhoun.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

The family of Chris Gaff would like to thank everyone who showed support throughout Chris' illness and passing. If you sent flowers, food or gave memorials, we thank you.

We would also like to thank Merriam Christian Chapel for all the meals they provided during Chris' illness, Angie Shoda RN, with Whitley County Hospice for such awesome care she gave Chris and the family, to the aides at Whitley County Hospice for the great care they gave Chris during his illness, Dr. Corbin for being there for our whole family, to John Brazzell and Brazzell's Funeral Home for the great job they did and for all the support they showed our families.

We would like to thank the community for everything you did for us, the people who brought in food for the funeral dinner, and to our families, your support has been wonderful.

Most of all to: Deb Harper, Ron and Marlene Smith, Norm Lortie and Jeff and LeAnn Perry for coming in every week to take care of Chris so I could continue to work. He enjoyed all of you so much.

To Central Noble Schools, thanks for all the support, food, donations and understanding you gave to me during Chris' illness and death. Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone for everything that has been done for us.

Jody, Jolene, Caleb and Courtney Gaff

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Clarence Spencer Gaff, 82

KIMMELL – Clarence Spencer Gaff, age 82 passed away Monday, May 5, 2008 at his residence with his family present.

He was born August 25, 1925 to Franklin and Annette (McNeal) Gaff in Green Township, Noble County.

On March 10, 1947 he married Emma Jeanne Wiley. She survives.

He was a model maker for 13 years; self employed as a heating and electrical contractor until retirement.

He was a member Of the Church of Christ in Illinois and Indiana. He served in World War II in the European Theater, and was a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Surviving are his wife Emma; four sons, Anthony (Peggy) of Kewanee, IL, Timothy (Joyce) of Kimmell, Nicholas (Sandy) of Oceola, IN and Mark of Sacremento, CA; a daughter, Frances (John) Hawley of Winchester, IN; the grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter Cynthia Jeanne; and a sister Millie Boggs..

Services were held May 8, 2008 at the Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier. Pastor Wray McCalaster and Anthony Gaff officiating.

Burial will be at Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Township.

For those who wish memorials may be made to Free Health Clinic, Wolf Lake. Make checks payable to Wolf Lake Methodist Church Free Health Clinic.

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Lewis McAllister

GARRETT — Lewis O. McAllister, 65, of Garrett, and formerly of Kinderhook, Mich., died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Hickory Creek at Kendallville Nursing Home.

Mr. McAllister

Mr. McAllister had been a Garrett resident for the past 17 years. He worked as a trimmer at Citation in Butler until his retirement March 15, 2005. He was an Army medic during the Vietnam War.

He was born Oct. 5, 1942, in Jackson, Mich., to Orum and Vida (Brooks) McAllister.

He married Monica A. Pastor on April 14, 1995, in Angola. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter, Heather McAllister of Michigan, and a brother, Joe McAllister of Kinderhook, Mich.

Services will be Saturday at 7 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. A military committal service will be conducted by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and VFW. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hickory Creek at Kendallville Nursing Home.

To send a condolence or sign a guestbook, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Ashley man's death ruled accidental

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ANGOLA — A 71-year-old Ashley man found dead at the scene of a grass fire near Fox Lake Tuesday died from severe thermal burns and smoke inhalation, an autopsy has revealed.

Donald Schieber's body was discovered Tuesday at the scene of a grass fire on Lane 205 Fox Lake.

A Steuben County Sheriff's Department news release said an autopsy was performed Wednesday at the direction of Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder, who ruled the death accidental.

Assisting in the investigation was the State Fire Marshal's office.

An obituary for Mr. Schieber appears on Page A4.

Keith Lambright

GOSHEN — Keith Alan Lambright, 20, of Goshen died at 9:32 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen after an 11-week battle with cancer.

Mr. Lambright had worked for R&M Concrete of Shipshewana.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born July 16, 1987, in Goshen to Earl and Susan (Bontrager) Lambright. They survive.

Also surviving are two sisters, Emily Lambright and Eileen Lambright, both at home; four brothers, Karlin Lambright, Kendon Lambright, Jared Lambright and Jonathan Lambright, all at home; grandparents, Freeman and Susan Lambright of Middlebury and Orus and Vera Bontrager of Goshen; and a special friend, Vonda Schrock of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at his home, 62126 C.R. 43, Goshen, with Bishop Perry S. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery at Goshen

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Robert Riddle

HOLIDAY, Fla. — Robert W. Riddle Jr., 76, of Holiday, Fla., died Thursday, May 1, 2008, in Holiday.

Mr. Riddle was a former Auburn resident. His parents were Robert W. Riddle Sr. and Mardelle Williams Riddle.

He is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Timothy Bell

ANGOLA — Timothy Bell, 29, of Angola died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Bell worked at R.R. Donnelly in Angola.

He attended Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. He was a member of the American Pool Association. He liked to play golf, fish, hunt, spend time with his family and enjoyed the outdoors.

He was born June 7, 1978, in Angola to Bobbie Bell and Patricia Kay (Mocherman) Bell. He married Shannon Graham on Nov. 1, 2003. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Lucas Alexander Bell of Angola; father and stepmother, Bobbie and Jan Bell of Geneva, Ill.; mother, Patricia Kay (Mocherman) Bell of Angola; father-in-law, Wayne Elliott of Golden Valley, Ariz.; mother-in-law, Diana Graham of Angola; step-grandmother, Norma Bell of Coldwater, Mich.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, David and Aimee Bell of Edon, Ohio, Rodney and Cassie Tucker, Eric and Kelly Tucker, and Jeremy Tucker, all of Ossian; a sister-in-law, Amber Elliott of Angola; and 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Beverly Bell; and his maternal grandfather, Richard Mocherman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Shannon Bell, for Lucas Bell's education.

Donald Schieber

ASHLEY — Donald Dean Schieber, 71, of Ashley died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Schieber was born Feb. 2, 1937, in Steuben County to Ralph and Pauline (Petre) Schieber. He married Beverly Peckhart on May 4, 1974. She survives in Ashley.

He is also survived by a son, Donald Dean Schieber II of Ashley; three daughters, Carmen Schieber of Angola, Deana Zerler of Angola and Elizabeth Schieber of Ashley; three brothers, Karl Schieber of Auburn, Larry Schieber of Pleasant Lake and Enos Schieber of Angola; two sisters, Lillie Smith of South Bend and Judy DeLong of Angola; and three grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Wendall and Jack Schieber; and two sisters, Josephine Orten and Clela Dickerson.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Flint Cemetery in Steuben County, with the Rev. Bob Koenig officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family, care of Beverly Schieber.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Robert Heller

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert Otto Heller, 86, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilition in Angola.

Mr. Heller was a farmer in Corunna until 1964. He then worked as a meat manager for IGA in Garrett and Kroger, Owens and Super Value in Auburn.

He was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Garrett, as well as the Eagles, the Elks and the Moose, also of Garrett.

He was born on April 23, 1922, in Nebraska to Otto and Charlotte (Ziebelle) Heller. His wife, Valda (Growcock) Heller, died in 2001.

He is survived by four daughters and two sons-in-law, Karen and Dan Grogg, Kathy Jarnigan, and Cindy Lechleidner, all of Auburn, and Janice and Ronnie Speeks of Melbourne, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Cindy Heller of Hudson and Larry and Linda Heller of Shelbyville; and two stepsons and a spouse, Eric and Carol Bickel of Lake Gage and Raymond Bickel of Seaside, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Dennis Heller, in 1983, and a stepson, Ronald Bickel, in 2005.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Care in Angola or Alliance Industries in Garrett.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge or arrangements.

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Mildred Smith

TOPEKA — Mildred L. Smith, 98, of Topeka died Thursday, May 1, 2008.

Mrs. Smith

She worked as a Topeka telephone operator and a Farmers State Bank teller. She also worked in the LaGrange County Treasurer's Office and LaGrange County Department of Welfare.

Mrs. Smith lived in the same home in Topeka for over 69 years. A 1927 graduate of Topeka High School, she earned a degree from Fort Wayne International Business College. She was a life member of Topeka Baptist Church. She enjoyed making quilts and playing the piano and organ.

She was born Sept. 25, 1909, in Topeka to John O. and Bertha A. (Jones) Greenawalt. She married Glen W. Smith on Feb. 3, 1931. He preceded her in death in 2006.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Clarence Campbell; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Brent and Rita Snyder; two granddaughters and a grandson-in-law, Jeanne and Mike Becker and Denise Primeaux; eight great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Madeline Hunter and Lois Ruch; one great-grandson and one great-great-grandson.

Services were held Monday at Topeka Baptist Church with Pastors Burton Smith and Gene Parker officiating. Burial was at Eden Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorials are to the Topeka Historical Society.

Herman Campbell

WAWAKA — Herman L. Campbell, 78, of Wawaka died at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Campbell had moved to this area in 1956, coming from Kentucky.

While in Kentucky, he had worked at a lumber mill. He retired in 1992 after 38 years at No-Sag in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville.

He was born Jan. 29, 1930, in Cornettsville, Ky., to Culbert and Vera (Dixon) Campbell. He married Cannie Mae Smith on May 15, 1954, in Hazard, Ky. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two daughters, Yolanda Hochstetler of Wawaka and Cannie Corinne "Cori" Campbell of Albion; four grandchildren, Ronnie Shane Campbell of Topeka, Christopher H. Boyles of Kendallville, Diana Hochstetler of Wawaka and Cannie Corinne Campbell of Albion; two great-grandchildren, Christopher Shane Slone and Nicholas Stone Slone; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Adams of Wawaka, Opal and Paul Harper of Kendallville and Bernice and James Smith of Cornettsville, Ky.; and three brothers, Elzie and Tish Campbell of Wawaka, Glenn and Maxine Campbell of Rome City and Mearle and Lyda Campbell of Cornettsville, Ky.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Faye (Campbell) Barkdull in 1980; two sons, Ronnie Lee Campbell in 1978 and Eugene Campbell at birth; and a brother, Lloyd Campbell.

Services were Saturday at Community Baptist Church near Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery with graveside services conducted by Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Memorial service for Doris Taylor is Saturday

WOLF LAKE — A "celebration of life" service will be held Saturday, May 10, for Doris Ellen Taylor, 73, of Bear Lake and Nokomis, Fla., who died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Fla.

She had been living in Florida at the time of her death.

The service will be Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

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Lillian Piggott

WAWAKA — Lillian Irene Piggott, 92, of Wawaka died at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Piggott had been a telephone operator in Wawaka and Albion. She had also worked several years in the post office in Wawaka.

She was a 1933 graduate of Wawaka High School.

Mrs. Piggott was a lifelong member of Wawaka United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Yarley Club.

She was born March 29, 1916, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Albert and Anna M. (Weller) Jacob. She married Wallace E. Piggott on Oct. 24, 1944. He died in 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Bill Piggott and Mike and Linda Piggott, all of Wawaka; a sister, Viola Trittipo of Albion; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services were held Friday, May 2, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church.

Clarence Gaff

KIMMELL — Clarence Spencer Gaff, 82, of Kimmell died at 6:05 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Gaff had been a molder for 13 years and then was self-employed as an electrical contractor until his retirement.

He was a member of the Church of Christ in Illinois and Indiana. He was also a member of the American Legion and VFW.

Mr. Gaff served in the European Theater during World War II.

He was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Green Township, Noble County, to Franklin and Annetta (McNeal) Gaff. He married Emma J. Wiley on March 10, 1947. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Anthony and Peggy Gaff of Kewanee, Ill., Timothy and Joyce Gaff of Kimmell, Nicholas and Sandy Gaff of Oceola and Mark Gaff of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Frances and John Hawley of Winchester; a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Rex Stangland; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Jeanne, and a sister, Millie Boggs.

Services were held this morning, May 8, at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastors Wray McCalester and Anthony Gaff officiating. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Township.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wolf Lake Free Health Clinic in care of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

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Roy James

SALT ROCK, W.Va. — Roy Allen James, 60, of Salt Rock, West Virginia, passed away Tuesday, May 6, 2008, leaving behind his wife of thirty-nine years, Deborah Meade James.

He was born December 13, 1947 in Norton, Virginia, a son of the late Robert and Ruth Gilliam James. Roy was a disabled Vietnam veteran who served from 1967 to 1969 in Vietnam as an army medic. He was awarded many ribbons and medals for his duty there. Roy not only took care of the wounded but rescued many from danger. He was a great warrior in the Army Medic Field but was a warrior in his last days for Jesus Christ.

He was a member of the Vietnam Vets, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. Roy attended church at Bethel Baptist Church and was baptized on Easter Sunday in Mud River by Junior Steward and Dan Vance.

Roy also worked and was disabled from the coal mines in West Virginia. He worked for over twenty years for the WP Coal Company. He was preceded in death by a little sister, Lorie. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two loving daughters, Lori Vance and her husband Dan of New Martinsville, W.Va., and Angele Cook and her husband, Michael, of New Castle, Indiana; two granddaughters, Sarah Vance and Hannah Vance; two sisters, Gereva Hunnicutt of Norton, Va., Nola Jones and her husband Hobert of Kingsport, Tenn.; two brothers, Leon James and his wife, Mary Ann, of Liberty, Ky., and Morris James and his wife, Glenda, of Coeburn, Va.; two sisters-in-law, Sandra Acord and her husband Garland of Ligonier, and Trudy Williamson and her husband Richard of Ligonier, a brother-in-law, Rick Meade and his wife Brenda of Ligonier, his half brother and sisters-in-law, David, Diana and Lillian Meade of Virginia; many aunts, uncles and cousins who he loved dearly.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the Wallace Funeral Home & Chapel by Pastor Junior Steward and Charlie Blankenship.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Baylous Cemetery, Salt Rock. Friends may call from 6-7 pm Friday at the Wallace Funeral Home, Barboursville.

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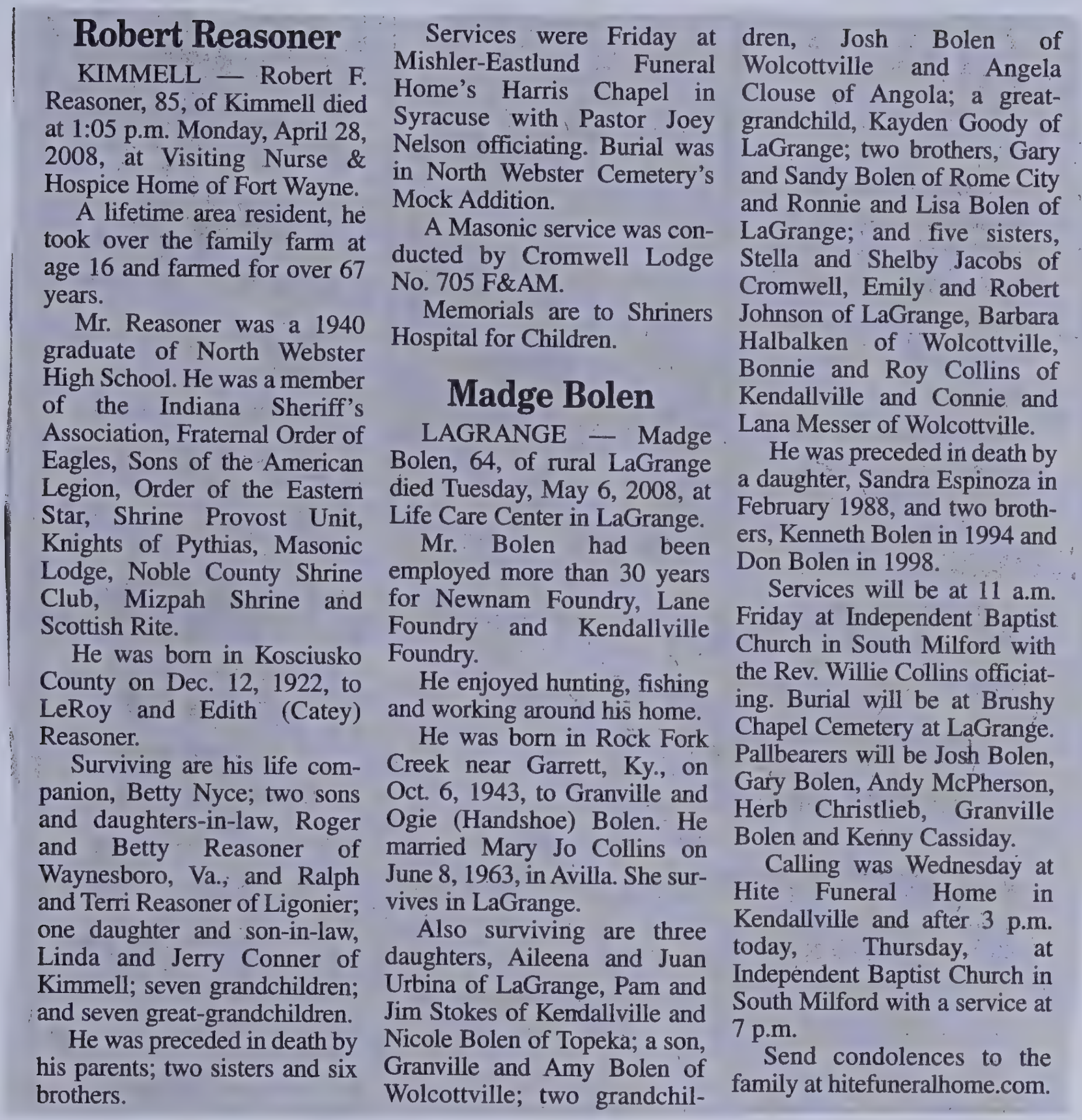

Robert Reasoner

KIMMELL — Robert F. Reasoner, 85, of Kimmell died at 1:05 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2008, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

A lifetime area resident, he took over the family farm at age 16 and farmed for over 67 years.

Mr. Reasoner was a 1940 graduate of North Webster High School. He was a member of the Indiana Sheriff's Association, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of the American Legion, Order of the Eastern Star, Shrine Provost Unit, Knights of Pythias, Masonic Lodge, Noble County Shrine Club, Mizpah Shrine and Scottish Rite.

He was born in Kosciusko County on Dec. 12, 1922, to LeRoy and Edith (Catey) Reasoner.

Surviving are his life companion, Betty Nyce; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Betty Reasoner of Waynesboro, Va., and Ralph and Terri Reasoner of Ligonier; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jerry Conner of Kimmell; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters and six brothers.

Services were Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home's Harris Chapel in Syracuse with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial was in North Webster Cemetery's Mock Addition.

A Masonic service was conducted by Cromwell Lodge No. 705 F&AM.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital for Children.

Madge Bolen

LAGRANGE — Madge Bolen, 64, of rural LaGrange died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Bolen had been employed more than 30 years for Newnam Foundry, Lane Foundry and Kendallville Foundry.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and working around his home.

He was born in Rock Fork Creek near Garrett, Ky., on Oct. 6, 1943, to Granville and Ogie (Handshoe) Bolen. He married Mary Jo Collins on June 8, 1963, in Avilla. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three daughters, Aileena and Juan Urbina of LaGrange, Pam and Jim Stokes of Kendallville and Nicole Bolen of Topeka; a son, Granville and Amy Bolen of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, Josh Bolen of Wolcottville and Angela Clouse of Angola; a great-grandchild, Kayden Goody of LaGrange; two brothers, Gary and Sandy Bolen of Rome City and Ronnie and Lisa Bolen of LaGrange; and five sisters, Stella and Shelby Jacobs of Cromwell, Emily and Robert Johnson of LaGrange, Barbara Halbalken of Wolcottville, Bonnie and Roy Collins of Kendallville and Connie and Lana Messer of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Espinoza in February 1988, and two brothers, Kenneth Bolen in 1994 and Don Bolen in 1998.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery at LaGrange. Pallbearers will be Josh Bolen, Gary Bolen, Andy McPherson, Herb Christlieb, Granville Bolen and Kenny Cassiday.

Calling was Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and after 3 p.m. today, Thursday, at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with a service at 7 p.m.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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Shaun Harvey

KENDALLVILLE — Shaun Edward Harvey, 29, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at his home.

He liked to listen to music and play the guitar and drums. He enjoyed drawing, writing poems, playing sports, fishing and being on the water.

Mr. Harvey

He was born in Kendallville on July 17, 1978, to Bill Harvey and Evelyn Marie (Smith) Monreal. His father and stepmother, Bill and Reta Harvey of Kendallville, survive. His mother, Evelyn Monreal, preceded him in death.

Also surviving are his paternal grandmother, Marie Harvey of Kentucky; four brothers, Benton Harvey, Shannon Harvey and Benjamin Allen, all of Kendallville, and Joshua Morgan of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Jenny Rich and Amber Harvey, both of Kendallville; an uncle, Charles Harvey of Kendallville; cousins, Ray and Bobby Harvey of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a nephew, John Rich Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Bread of Life Tabernacle, 306 S. Lincoln St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Shawn Kondas officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Bread of Life Tabernacle.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Gladys Stewart

KOKOMO — Gladys L. Stewart, 87, of Kokomo died at 10:05 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at Waterford Place.

She retired from Tenbrook Sales as the bookkeeper and was previously employed in the office at Maple Crest School. She enjoyed traveling and was a collector of china bells, which she often found in her travels. Her husband had been an active member of the Masonic Order and she assisted him with his activities and endeavors in that area.

Mrs. Stewart

Mrs. Stewart was a 1938 Kokomo High School graduate and attended Indiana Business College.

She was born Sept. 14, 1920, in Kokomo, the daughter of Glenn and Hazel (Hendee) Martin. She married Wayne L, “Stew” Stewart Aug. 20, 1942, in Kokomo. He died April 1, 1996.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, David Wayne and Marsha Stewart of Fremont; seven grandchildren, Matthew and Amy Stewart of Fort Wayne, Stephanie and Matthew Kline of Cadillac, Mich., Stacie Lancaster and Shannon Lancaster, both of Fort Wayne, Shannel and Scott Nusbaum of Garrett, and Shawna Stewart and Seth Stewart, both of Fremont; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, with the Rev. John McCoy officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Online condolences may be made to shirleyandstout.com.

Doris Taylor

WOLF LAKE — A celebration of life service will be held Saturday for Doris Ellen Taylor, 73, of Bear Lake and Nokomis, Fla.

She died Friday, March 14, 2008, at Venice Regional Hospital in Venice, Fla.

She had been living in Florida at the time of her death.

The service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's errors.*

Robert Heller

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert Otto Heller, 86, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mr. Heller was a farmer in Corunna until 1964. He then worked as a meat manager for IGA in Garrett and Kroger, Owens and Super Value in Auburn.

He was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in Garrett, as well as the Eagles, the Elks and the Moose, also of Garrett.

He was born on April 23, 1922, in Nebraska to Otto and Charlotte (Ziebelle) Heller. His wife, Valda (Growcock) Heller, died in 2001.

He is survived by four daughters and two sons-in-law, Karen and Don Grogg, Kathy Jarnigan, and Cindy Lechleidner, all of Auburn, and Janice and Ronnie Speeks of Melbourne, Fla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Cindy Heller of Hudson and Larry and Linda Heller of Shelbyville; and two stepsons and a spouse, Eric and Carol Bickel of Lake Gage and Raymond Bickel of Seaside, Calif.; 24 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Dennis Heller, in 1983, and a stepson, Ronald Bickel, in 2005.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Care in Angola or Alliance Industries in Garrett.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge or arrangements.

Helen Vilders

LAS VEGAS — Helen Vilders, 79, of Las Vegas and formerly of Angola, died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in Las Vegas.

In 1971, Mrs. Vilders and her husband moved to Angola and owned and operated the A&W Rootbeer and Hoosier House restaurants.

She was born April 20, 1929, in Monogahela, Pa., to Charles and Jean Rostocky. She married Cornelius "Neal" Vilders on April 22, 1950, in Detroit, Mich. He survives in Las Vegas.

Also surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Cathy and Jon Hacker of Churubusco and Cheryl Vilders of Austin, Texas; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Chuck and Leanne Vilders of Pleasant Lake, Mike and Cara Vilders of Kalamazoo, Mich., Greg and Paula Vilders of Spencerville, Mich. and Marty Vilders of Las Vegas; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maryann Weatherwax of Las Vegas.

There will be no services or calling.

Charles O'Brien

VEEDERSBURG — Charles Eugene O'Brien, 72, of Veedersburg and formerly of Auburn, died Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at his home.

Mr. O'Brien worked as a truck driver and retired from Shaffer Trucking in Crawfordsville. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea from Aug. 12, 1952, to Sept. 16, 1954. He was a former member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn. He was a strong supporter of the Veterans Administration and the VA hospitals.

He was born June 15, 1935, in Bryan, Ohio, to Clarence William O'Brien and Beatrice Lucille (Livergood) Link.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael David (O'Brien) Link, Mark Kevin and Brenda O'Brien and Richard Lyle (O'Brien) and Lola McClellan; a daughter, Dawn Joyce (O'Brien/McClellan) Hoyer; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two nieces, Sheryl Ann Thrush and Karen Sue Patton; one nephew, Jeffrey Alan Stelzer; a companion, Kathleen Walker; two stepdaughters, Jackie Holt and Linda Beckelhymer; two stepsons, Keith Shelley and his wife, Teresa, and Steve Shelley; 12 stepgrandchildren; and 18 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Herschel Etra Link; and one sister, Marilyn Joyce Stelzer.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. Military graveside services will be conducted by the U.S. Air Force and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

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Barbara Schink

TINTON FALLS, N.J. — Barbara M. Schink, 84, of Tinton Falls and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, April 27, 2008, at her home.

Prior to moving to Tinton Falls, she had lived in Cranford, N.J., for 47 years. She had also resided in Brooklyn, Bayside and Queens, N.Y.

Mrs. Schink was a 1941 graduate of Kendallville High School. She attended Albion College in Albion, Mich.

She was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Women's Army Corps where she worked in occupational therapy for returning troops from 1944 to 1946.

Mrs. Schink was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota Sorority and the Cransford United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed caring for her grandchildren, family vacations, traveling, writing and church activities.

She was born in Lafayette to Ross and Henrietta McCally. She married Frank Schink in Kendallville in 1946. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Stephan Schink and his wife, Dianne, of Rome, N.Y., and Thomas Shink and his wife, Dr. Nancy DiTomaso, of Fanwood, N.J.; two granddaughters, Jessica and Alisa; two stepgrandchildren, Desiree and Joseph Morin; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Janice Shoppell of Sturgis, Mich.

Services were May 3 in Tinton Falls.

Memorials are to Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, NJ 07016 or to Protestant Faith Community Church, Seabrook Village, 3000 Essex Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753.

Lois Shoener

AUBURN — Lois Shoener, 88, of Auburn and formerly of Garrett died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shoener was an admissions assistant at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne for 14 years, retiring in 1992.

Mrs. Shoener

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and a past president of the United Methodist Women. She lived in Garrett for 58 years before moving to Auburn in 2004.

She was born March 10, 1920, in Noble County to Frank E. and Viola E. (Richards) Lehner.

She married Arthur C. Shoener on Nov. 14, 1942, in Kendallville. He died Dec. 10, 1975.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Art and Sharon Shoener of Kansas City, Mo., and Frank and Sandra Shoener of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Kevin Chicoine of Boise, Idaho, and Christine and Tony Steinmetz of Lodi, Calif.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Pam Baker of Rome City and Roberta Fredericks of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Robert Lehner, and a sister, Greta Gehring.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

To send condolences or sign the online guestbook, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Olivia Iden

SYRACUSE — Olivia Kay Iden, 3 months, of Syracuse died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Feb. 6, 2008, in Fort Wayne to Nick and Jessica Iden.

She is survived by her parents, Nick and Jessica Iden of Syracuse; a brother, Lane Iden of Syracuse; grandparents Darrin and Diana Iden of North Manchester, Cindy Bodenhafer of Kimmell, and Ron and Roxy Bodenhafer of Rome City; several great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be Tuesday a noon at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw, with the Rev. Bruce Barlow officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

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Timothy Bell

ANGOLA — Timothy Bell, 29, of Angola died Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Bell worked at R.R. Donnelly in Angola.

He attended Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. He was a member of the American Pool Association. He liked to play golf, fish, hunt, spend time with his family and enjoyed the outdoors.

Mr. Bell

He was born June 7, 1978, in Angola to Bobbie Bell and Patricia Kay (Mocherman) Bell. He married Shannon Graham on Nov. 1, 2003. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Lucas Alexander Bell of Angola; father and stepmother, Bobbie and Jan Bell of Geneva, Ill.; mother, Patricia Kay (Mocherman) Bell of Angola; father-in-law, Wayne Elliott of Golden Valley, Ariz.; mother-in-law, Diana Graham of Angola; step-grandmother, Norma Bell of Coldwater, Mich.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, David and Aimee Bell of Edon, Ohio, Rodney and Cassie Tucker, Eric and Kelly Tucker, and Jeremy Tucker, all of Ossian; a sister-in-law, Amber Elliott of Angola; and 10 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Beverly Bell; and his maternal grandfather, Richard Mocherman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Donald Meyers officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling was Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Shannon Bell, for Lucas Bell's education.

Harold Shellenberger

GARRETT — Harold H. Shellenberger, 82, of Garrett died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shellenberger owned and drove a milk route for Pet Milk Co. from 1949-63. He then became a pilot, flying for Consolidated Airways and Executive Aviation out of Baer Field, and worked part time for a crew for Magnavox. He was a World War II Marine veteran, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was a member and a past deacon and elder of First Church of Christ in Garrett. He was a member of the Quiet Birdmen in Fort Wayne, Garrett American Legion Post No. 178, Garrett Lions Club and volunteered at the WWII Victory Museum in Auburn. He held a business jet and ATR rating, and was a qualified instrument and ground school instructor.

He was born July 8, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Charles Homer and Bessie (Cramer) Shellenberger. He married Harriet (Gulick) Vise on May 1, 1946, in Chicago. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carole E. Vise Shellenberger and Timothy Shine of Houston; five grandchildren and four spouses, Jeffrey and Angela Grupp of Dallas, Michael and Tanya Grupp of Garland of Texas, Linda and Ronnie Wells and Bradley Grupp, all of Houston, and Christopher and Tonya Grupp of St. Louis, Mich.; eight great-grandchildren, Brian Grupp, Ashley Grupp, Tiffany Grupp, Michael Grupp, Brandon Grupp, Samantha Wells, Tiffany Grupp and Christopher Grupp; and five great-great grandchildren. He also had a half-sister, Edna.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at First Church of Christ in Garrett, with the Rev. Jim Lilley officiating. Burial will be in Embry Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

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‘Good ol’ boy’ valued his new family above all

BY TIFFANY YODER
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FREMONT — Shannon Bell’s voice may break when she speaks of her late husband, Timothy, but she also will smile and laugh when she reminisces over fonder memories.

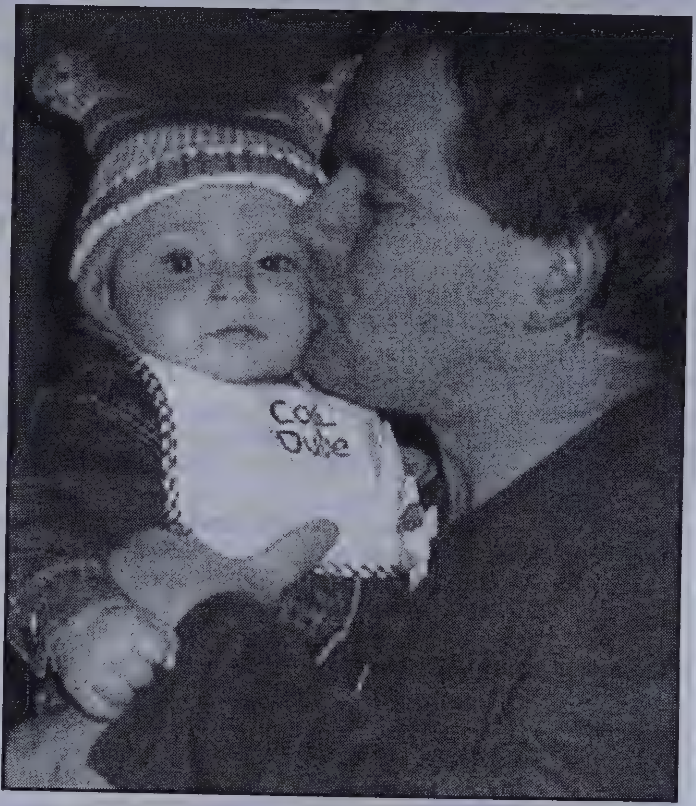
She recalls her husband as “a good ol’ boy,” who enjoyed hunting, fishing, bonfires and anything else involving the outdoors.

“He was a typical guy,” she said. “It was hard to get him inside most of the time.”

Bell, 29, died Tuesday afternoon in a car accident on C.R. 50W while he was traveling south to Angola. His car was struck by a semi truck where C.R. 50W becomes S.R. 127, near the Pokagon State Park entrance ramp for northbound I-69.

Shannon, 26, said her husband was bringing a high chair for their son, Lucas, to her mother’s home in Angola where the family was temporarily staying. When he never appeared at the house, his mother-in-law, Diana Graham, got in her car to look for him. She came upon the scene of his accident.

“That was the hardest thing in my life,” Graham said. She then had to call Shannon, who had been trying to call her and find out where Bell had been.



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Timothy Bell holds his son, Lucas, in a family photo. Family members said he valued his family above all. Bell died Tuesday in a car accident.

“When she didn’t answer, I knew,” Shannon said. “I knew something was wrong.”

She called the accident “senseless,” and said the one good that could come of it would be if it could prevent another accident happening at the intersection.

“I hope with this that they’ll actually think about doing that, because it won’t be too long before someone else is hurt like this,” she said.

Tim and Shannon had met a few years ago while she was working at a Shell gas station. Together seven years, the couple’s fifth wedding anniversary would have been in November.

She described her husband as a hopeless romantic. To celebrate being together one month, Tim took Shannon to a Japanese

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restaurant in Fort Wayne, then on an old-fashioned carriage ride around Fort Wayne to look at Christmas lights. His proposal to her, Shannon said, was "every girl's fantasy." He had proposed on a Florida beach at sunset while the two were on vacation.

"He loved his family dearly," said Bell's friend, Judy Thompson. "He loved them more than anything."

His devotion to his role as a father started from the moment his son was born. Shannon said the only time he left her side while she was in labor was to get something to eat other than hospital food. After Lucas was born, Shannon said Tim was patient enough to let her be the first to hold him, though she could tell he could hardly wait.

"You could tell he was just itching to hold his baby boy," she said.

The father-son bond proved strong over the last seven months, Shannon said. Bell told friend Chris Thompson that though Lucas valued his mother's attention most at this point, that would change later.

"He said, 'He's a mama's boy now but he'll be a daddy's boy later,'" Thompson said. Shannon said she could see that happening.

"Lucas adored his father," she said. She told of how Tim would look at their son and Lucas would immediately break into a smile. "They just had a connection."

The connection shared between Bell and his son was helped by a brief period where he became a stay-at-home father. While in between jobs at Meridian Automotive and RR Donnelly, Bell had the opportunity for a brief time to spend his days at home with Lucas.

"That was a priceless moment," Shannon said.

Despite his love for being outdoors, devotion for work and an interest in photography, friends and family described Bell as valuing his family above all else. Shannon described him as a wonderful husband and father, and a good provider for their family.

"He adored me," she said. "And I loved him so much."

Raymond Pickell

ALBION — Raymond A. Pickell, 68, of Albion died Thursday, May 8, 2008, in Brookville, Fla.

Mr. Pickell was a former Albion postmaster. He was born Sept. 2, 1939, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Max Seiss

WATERLOO — Max E. Seiss, 82, of Waterloo died Friday, May 9, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Seiss had installed and serviced jukeboxes, pinball machines and other recreational equipment since his discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1946. He was a former member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He was born May 25, 1925, in Bryant to Durbin P. and Ruth Marceil (Wells) Seiss.

He married Gloria Smith on July 17, 1948, at the Cathedral Rectory in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Steven and Kris Seiss of Piqua, Ohio, Stanley and Linda Seiss of Warsaw, and Jeff Seiss of Auburn and Jon and Jenny Seiss of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Robert Justus of Las Vegas, Janet and Mike Eckert of Edgewater, Wis., and Penny and Matt Nicely of Pleasant Lake; 14 grandchildren and their spouses, Kimberly Seiss, Stephanie Seiss, Christopher Seiss, Elle Seiss, Greg and Kim Seiss, Brad Seiss, Julie Seiss, Kristin Seiss, Tyson Seiss, Taylor Seiss, Jeremy Dietrich, Brent and Virginia Dietrich, Kena Baird and Kyle Baird; and four great-grandchildren, Sturgis Seiss, Terrin Dietrich, Willow Dietrich and Alannah Dietrich.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Seiss.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Robert Hamilton

LAGRANGE — Robert L. Hamilton, 78, of LaGrange died Saturday May 10, 2008, at the Parkview LaGrange Hospital Emergency Room.

Mr. Hamilton

Living his lifetime in LaGrange, he retired from Lakeland School Corp. in the maintenance department. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the LaGrange Moose Lodge.

He was born Jan. 5, 1930, in LaGrange to Fred and Bertha (Garmire) Hamilton.

On Jan. 30, 1959, he married Diane L. Sibert in LaGrange. Mrs. Hamilton survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Dale Smallwood of LaGrange; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig Treesh of Mongo and Scott and Lucy Hamilton and Mark and Juanita Hamilton, all of LaGrange; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Janice Ewer of Wolcottville and Florence Kunznick of Ferguson, Mo.; and a brother, William B. Hamilton of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Brown and Jean Doney.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with military rites by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Visitation will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at furipmayfuneralhome.com.

Lavoy Cook

ANGOLA — Lavoy E. Cook, 55, formerly of Hicksville, Ohio, died Friday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He previously worked at Hendrickson Tandem in Butler, Vulcraft in St. Joe and Dietrich's in Hicksville.

He was born Feb. 14, 1953, in Auburn to the late Wendell "Al" and Blanche (Strong) Cook.

Surviving are his stepmother, Rozella Mickelson-Cook of Butler; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and William Winebrenner of Fremont, Jean and Gary Prough of Butler and Cherie and David Blount of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Thomas and Catherine Cook of Butler and Glen Cook of Butler; seven nieces and seven nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Newton.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Riverview Cemetery in Newville.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Tarena Longsworth

KENDALLVILLE — Tarena R. Longsworth, 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 10, 2008, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Brandon Halsey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Brandon Halsey, 31, of Wolcottville died Saturday, May 10, 2008, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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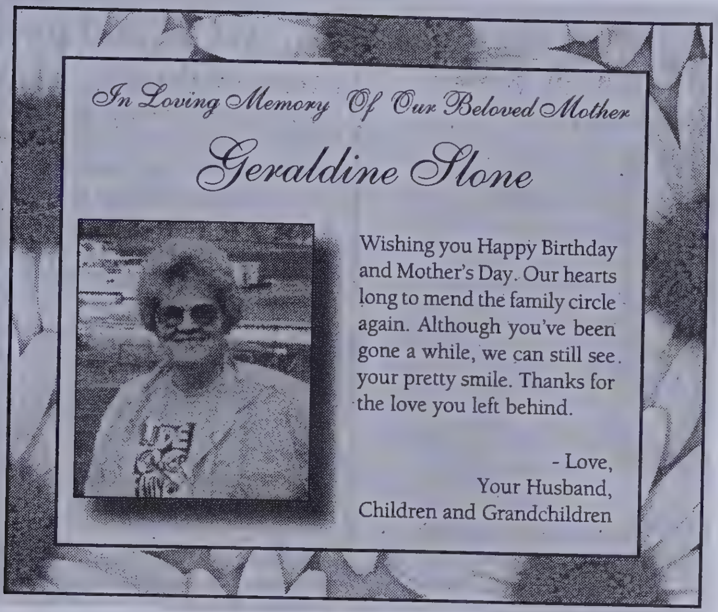
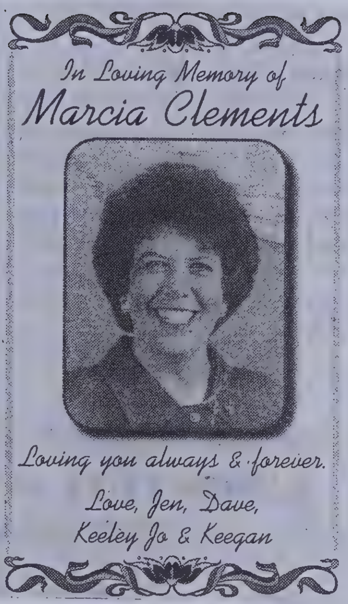


In Loving Memory Of Our Beloved Mother

Geraldine Slone

Wishing you Happy Birthday and Mother's Day. Our hearts long to mend the family circle again. Although you've been gone a while, we can still see your pretty smile. Thanks for the love you left behind.

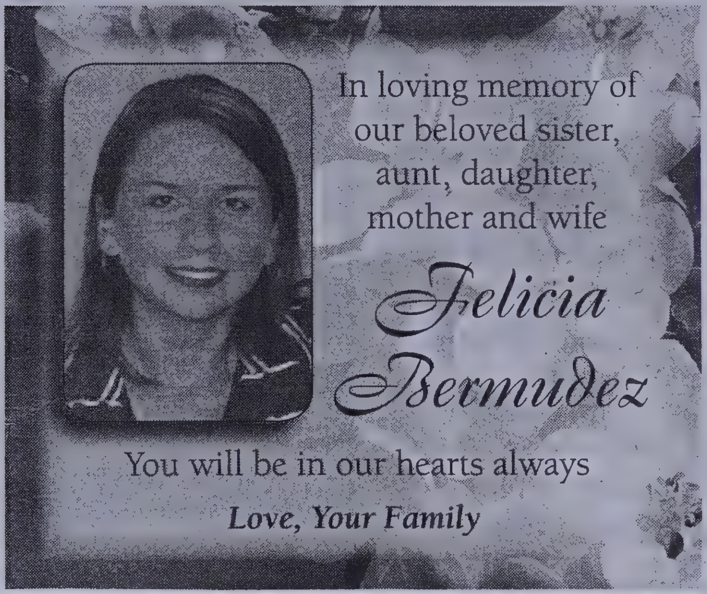
- Love,
Your Husband,
Children and Grandchildren



In Loving Memory of
Marcia Clements

Loving you always & forever.

Love, Jen, Dave,
Keeley Jo & Keegan

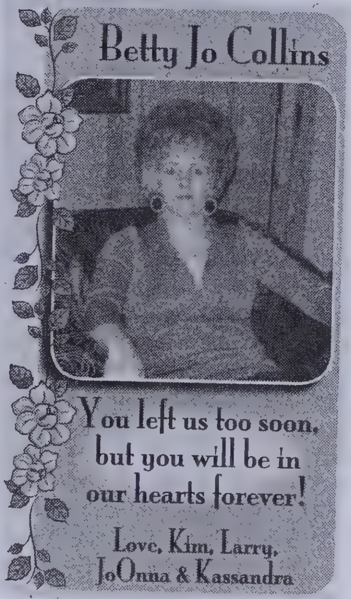


In loving memory of
our beloved sister,
aunt, daughter,
mother and wife

Felicia Bermudez

You will be in our hearts always

Love, Your Family



Betty Jo Collins

You left us too soon,
but you will be in
our hearts forever!

Love, Kim, Larry,
JoOnna & Kassandra

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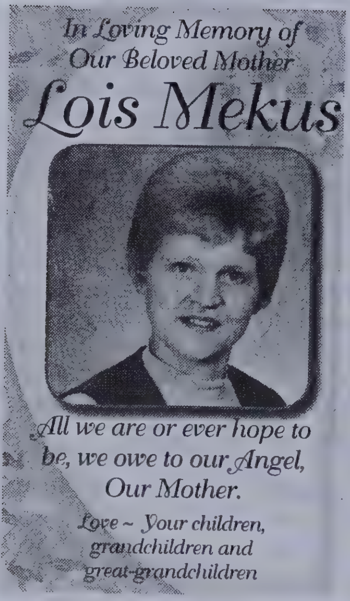
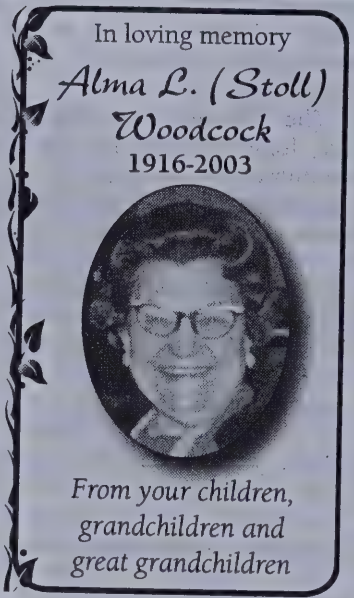


In Loving Memory of
Our Beloved Mother

Lois Mekus

All we are or ever hope to be, we owe to our Angel, Our Mother.

Love ~ Your children,
grandchildren and
great-grandchildren

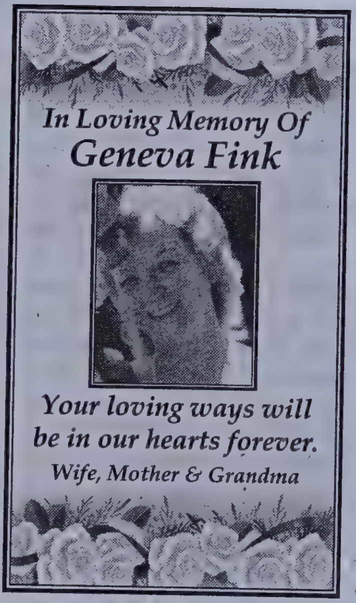


In loving memory

Alma L. (Stoll) Woodcock

1916-2003

From your children,
grandchildren and
great grandchildren

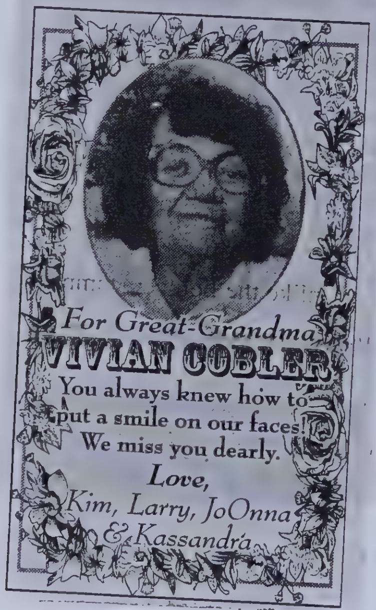


In Loving Memory Of

Geneva Fink

Your loving ways will be in our hearts forever.

Wife, Mother & Grandma



For Great-Grandma

VIVIAN COBLER

You always knew how to put a smile on our faces!
We miss you dearly.

Love,
Kim, Larry, JoOnna
& Kassandra

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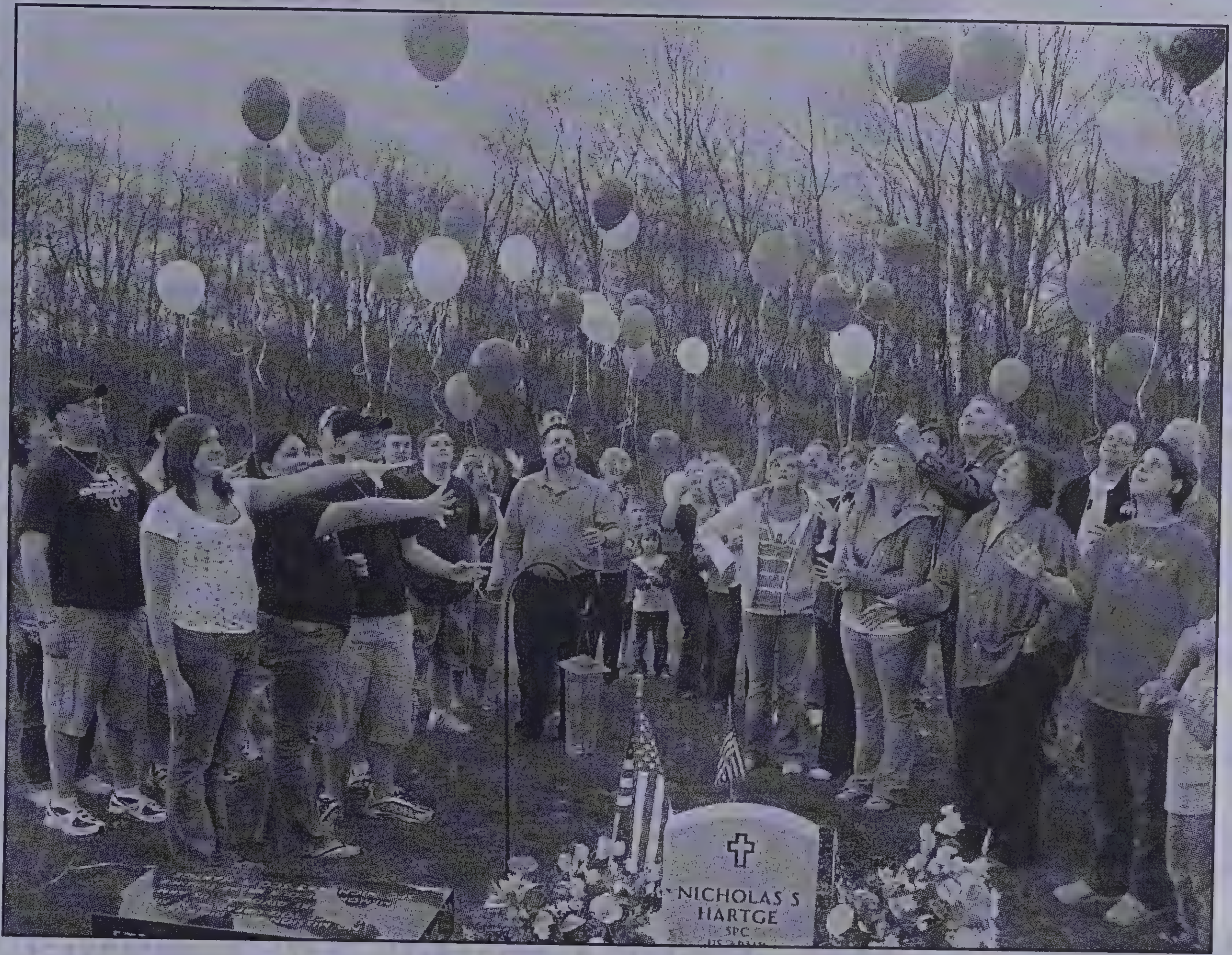
NICK HARTGE, MAY 14, 2007



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Friends and family of Spc. Nick Hartge gather at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville to honor what would have been Hartge's 21st birthday on April 24. Hartge died May 14, 2007, while serving in Iraq when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an improvised explosive device.

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Fallen soldier's family celebrates son's life

BY ERIC FISH
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ROME CITY — Lori and Dave Abbott see memories of their son, Nick Hartge, everywhere they look.

There's the outdoor doghouse he used to hide in for fun, the East Noble Class of 2005 varsity jacket he used to wear during his days with the high school band and wrestling team and countless military memorabilia displayed proudly throughout the couple's Rome City home.

They watch the videos he filmed with a hand-held camera during daily patrols of Iraqi streets, re-read the regular e-mails he sent home and remember the emptiness that was felt when they learned that their 20-year-old son had died in combat with the First Infantry Division just outside Baghdad on May 14, 2007. While on patrol, the vehicle he had been riding in came under heavy gunfire and was struck by an improvised explosive device, killing Hartge and severely burning four others in the vehicle.

The past year has been a challenge for the Abbotts. They celebrated what would have been his 21st birthday on April 24 in his honor with family and friends. They light a candle in his memory at family gatherings.

"I wake up every day and I think I have two paths I can take today — I can grieve over the loss of Nick, or I can celebrate his life and remember him and talk about him," Lori Abbott said. "That's what I do. He will always be a part of our lives, always be a part of our family."

Lori Abbott wears a dog tag around her neck everyday as a reminder. On one side, Hartge is pictured in uniform. On the other side, the date of his death is etched in bold lettering.

Every Day Is A Gift
US ARMY

ERIC FISH

Dave and Lori Abbott hold a flag commemorating their fallen son, Spc. Nick Hartge, who died in battle on May 14, 2007, in Iraq.

"The worst thing you can ever do to a fallen soldier family is not talk about their soldier," she said. "Your worst fear is that they're going to be forgotten."

Hartge signed every postcard, letter and e-mail he sent home from his time in the Army with the words "strength and honor." The Abbotts have adopted their late son's motto as their own for how they've coped with his death.

"Things kind of keep you going," said Dave Abbott, Hartge's stepfather. "You pick two paths every day. Lori picks the path to take the positive and the good nature of it. When you're home alone, when I'm with her alone, I see how hard it is on her. She's been devastated this last year.

"I know Nick's in heaven and he's there waiting for us. It's us that have to do the suffering and wait until that time."

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HARTGE: *Family will pay respects on anniversary, then commemorate other fallen soldiers*

Life without Nick

The Abbotts had 40 to 50 of Hartge's closest family and friends over to celebrate what would have been his 21st birthday. The celebration started at their home with dinner and cake, and proceeded to Hartge's final resting place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Each person who attended at the cemetery held a balloon either red, white or blue in color. Following a prayer from South Milford Church of Christ Children's Pastor Gilbert Alicea, they let the balloons go and watched them float away into the air.

"It was really uplifting, because we heard so many happy stories about Nick," Lori Abbott said. "The smiles on everybody's faces just says it all. It was just a great moment."

On the May 14 anniversary of Hartge's death, the Abbotts will pay their respects again at Lake View Cemetery. The next day, they'll travel to Fort Hood, Texas, to join 400 other families for a memorial honoring fallen soldiers. Lori Abbott is hoping to meet with some of Hartge's friends he served with, including survivors still seeking burn treatment from the vehicle explosion that cost Hartge his life.

On May 23, the Abbotts will travel to Indianapolis for a memorial service for Indiana's fallen soldiers.

"The 14th, that will be a very hard day for us," Lori Abbott said.

The day will be difficult not only for Lori and Dave Abbott, but for Hartge's sister and closest sibling, Elise, who had graduated from Purdue University two days before her brother's death. Elise Hartge was present at the Abbotts' home when the Army officers came to the door with the news.

"I know that he looks down on us every day from heaven with his huge smile," Elise Hartge said. "I know that I was one of the lucky ones who actually got to spend 20 years with him. I couldn't ask for a better brother — and now I know I couldn't ask for a better guardian angel looking down on me."

In addition to his mother, stepfather and sister, Hartge is survived by his father, Scott Hartge of Delaware, Ohio; a second sister, Jennifer and Scott Wheeler of Fort Wayne; two brothers, 1st Lt. Ryan and Abby Abbott of Camp Humphreys, Korea, and Justin Abbott of Auburn; his grandmothers, Janet Hines of Orland and Marge Abbott of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandfathers, Roger Hartge of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Frank Robey of Van Wert, Ohio; and two nephews and two nieces.

Community support

Hartge's reason for joining the Army following high school was largely impacted by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The devastation that occurred in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania brought the United States closer together as a country. When word spread of Hartge's death, the same type of unity, support and pride was shown by the Rome City and Kendallville communities.

East Noble High School, where Hartge graduated in 2005, offered the school's gymnasium for the funeral ceremony. Principal Ann Linson dismissed students at noon on a school day in order to make it happen. More than 300 people attended the memorial service.

American flags lined the streets of Rome City to honor Hartge's life. The Abbotts received hundreds of phone calls and condolences. The Abbotts also praised Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville for their care and "willingness to go out of their way."

"The support was so great that the sorrow you felt was so overshadowed by the community support for you," Dave Abbott said. "We were just struck, we were just overwhelmed by the support."

At the funeral procession, bystanders lined the streets with hands over their hearts as a 107-car procession, consisting of everything from local law enforcement to national military, led Hartge to his final resting place.

That support still exists today. The Abbotts are visited by many of Hartge's friends on a regular basis to help keep his memory alive.

Some of the men he fought with in Iraq frequently e-mail the Abbotts and are planning a trip to Rome City to pay respect to their friend. The support has greatly aided in the healing process.

"Had it not been for that, our faith and our good friends and family — this year would have been absolutely impossible," Lori Abbott said. "It would have been unbearable. I'm so very grateful."

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Friends get tattoos in honor of Hartge

BY ERIC FISH
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ROME CITY — Had it not been for a tragedy, Justin Beall probably wouldn't have a tattoo. But when he caught news of the death of his longtime best friend Nick Hartge, he had to do something.

Now a cross with Hartge's military motto, "strength and honor," can be found on Beall's left leg as a permanent reminder and tribute to the friend he's known since the second grade. It's the first tattoo for Beall. He said it will likely be his only one.

Justin Beall's father, Dan, said he isn't exactly a big proponent of tattoos, but he couldn't help but support his son's decision to get one.

"This has just been part of the healing process for all of them," he said. "You can't help but be proud."

Beall and four more of Hartge's friends — Cecilia Hernandez, Chad Warrix, Kody Linville and Bryan Rudnick — all decided to pay tribute to their friend with body art after learning that Hartge had died while

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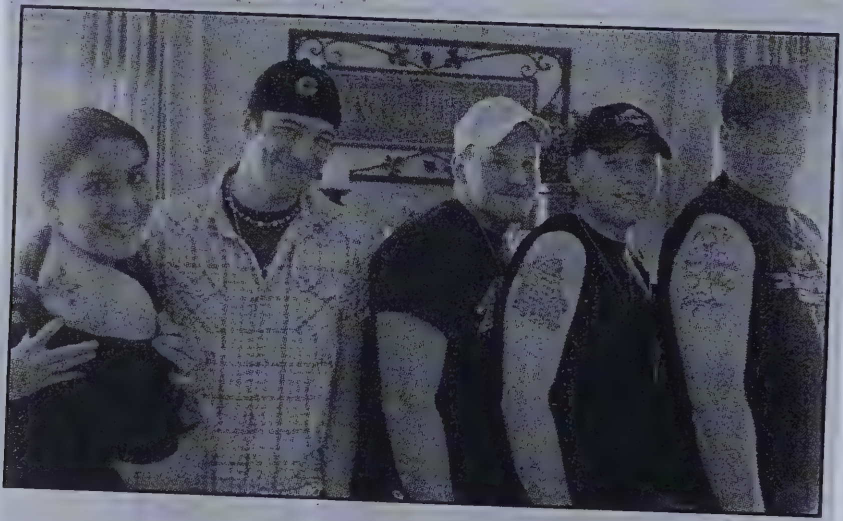

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Five of Nick Hartge's closest friends model tattoos they received to pay tribute to their friend's memory. From left are Cecilia Hernandez, Justin Beall, Chad Warwick, Kody Linville and Bryan Rudnick. Hartge died May 14, 2007, while serving in Iraq.

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serving in Iraq when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an improvised explosive device.

"He really meant a lot to us," said Hernandez, who has the tattoo of a red, white and blue bird carrying dog tags with Hartge's initials on them stenciled on her upper back. "It was just something special that we could all share and remember him."

Beall heard the news of Hartge's death via text message as he was on his way to Texas for work purposes. Hartge died on May 14, 2007 — a day before Beall's 20th birthday.

"It was a big surprise, but yet you always have to expect the worst," he said. "It's always going to be a shock. We knew he was in a bad part of Iraq."

Hartge's friends tried to stay in touch with him as best as they could while he was in Iraq. The last time they saw him was in March 2007, when Hartge was home on military leave.

Today, his friends pay monthly visits to the Abbotts' Rome City home, where they'll tell stories and keep his memory alive. They haven't been shy about showing off their tattoos, either.

Rudnick has the words "Gone but not forgotten" etched on his right arm with his fallen friend's name. Linville has a colored American flag with Hartge's name in a banner below it. The tattoos are a proud statement to a brave friend.

"We knew in our hearts that that's what he wanted to do and the sacrifice he was willing to make," Hernandez said. "Everybody just kind of remembers his smile and how good of a guy he was."

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Brandon Halsey

WOLCOTTVILLE — Brandon Lee Halsey, 32, of Wolcottville died Saturday, May 10, 2008, at 5:15 p.m. at his residence. He had battled cancer for five years.

Mr. Halsey

Mr. Halsey was a lifetime area resident and was a licensed Realtor.

He was born Feb. 15, 1976, in Kendallville to Roger Haston and Barbara Pearson. He was later adopted by Dennis Halsey.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Barbara and Marshall Pierce of Wolcottville; his father, Roger Haston of Stroh; his adoptive father, Dennis Halsey of Stroh; a daughter, Sage Halsey of Kendallville; a son, Robert Halsey of Kendallville; a sister, Amanda Halsey of Kendallville; two stepsisters, Stacey Halsey and Nikki Halsey of Stroh; a stepbrother, Lucas Pierce of West Virginia; and aunts and uncles, Maxine Compton of Kendallville, Debi and Palmer Smith of South Milford, Darlene and Ray Pierce of Matoka, W.Va., Cindy and Bob Ransom of Adrian, Mich., Garnet Pearson of Maiden, N.C., Grover and Vicki Pearson of Stanley, N.C., Jerry and Linda Pearson of Corunna, Tony and Lauretta Pearson of Kendallville, and Gary Halsey of Stroh.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and three uncles.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, 4900 E. C.R. 1150N, Wolcottville, with Pastor Earl Rose, Paul Copeland and Quent Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Active pallbearers will be Rodney Walker, Jack Magner, Mark Fansler, Shawn Halsey, Tony Pearson, and Todd Shutt. Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Handshoe, Joe Handshoe, Mark McCarty and Clinton Hoover.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Tarena Longsworth

KENDALLVILLE — Tarena Rae Longsworth, 57, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 10, 2008, at her residence.

Mrs. Longsworth

Mrs. Longsworth had moved to Kendallville in 2001 from Wolcottville.

She had worked as a retail clerk.

Mrs. Longsworth was a member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

She was born July 24, 1950, in Kendallville to Ray Wilbur and Hilda Mae (Sherwood) Baird. She married Terry Lee Longsworth Sr. on Jan. 22, 1966, in Wolcottville. He preceded her in death on Aug. 4, 2001.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry Longsworth Jr. and Jan Longsworth of Kendallville, Troy Longsworth of Carrie, Ky., and Todd and Emily Longsworth of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Tiffany, Christopher, Zachariah, Jenna and Owen Longsworth; a sister, Patty Pierce of Kendallville; and four brothers, Lyle Baird of Auburn, Billy Baird of Rome City, Larry Baird of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jack Baird of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by a sister and five brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Gary Dilley officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Rickey Payton, Ron Payton, Lowell Payton, Steve Pierce, John Pierce, Mike Baird and Chris Longsworth.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Jesse Fulk

LAOTTO — Jesse H. Fulk, 92, of rural LaOtto died Saturday afternoon, May 10, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Fulk lived his entire life in the Ege-LaOtto area, where he farmed for many years. He worked at International Harvester for 35 years, retiring in 1972.

He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren. His hobbies were hunting, fishing and cutting wood.

Mr. Fulk was a 1934 graduate of LaOtto High School and entered the U.S. Army in 1945.

He was born Feb. 19, 1916 in Ege to Frank and Bertha (Eberly) Fulk.

On Aug. 21, 1937, he married Mary Jane Gump. She died May 31, 1982.

He then married Sara Lue Miller Orcutt. She died in 2006.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and Robert Wiant and Beverly and Duane Rowe all of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jesse "Sam" and Sharon Fulk of Angola; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Melvin Fulk and Paul Fulk; two sisters, Velda Sherwood and Ruth Livergood; and a grandson, Mike Korff.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery in rural Allen County.

Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

To leave an online condolence, visit sheetsandchilds.net.

The family of Chris Gaff would like to thank everyone who showed support throughout Chris' illness and passing. If you sent flowers, food or gave memorials, we thank you. We would also like to thank Merriam Christian Chapel for all the meals they provided during Chris' illness, Angie Shoda RN, with Whitley County Hospice, for such awesome care she gave Chris and the family, to the aides at Whitley County Hospice for the great care they gave Chris during his illness, Dr. Corbin for being there for our whole family, to John Brazzell and Brazzell's Funeral Home for the great job they did and for all the support they showed our families. We would like to thank the community for everything you did for us, the people who brought in food for the funeral dinner, and to our families, your support has been wonderful. Most of all to: Deb Harper, Ron and Marlene Smith, Norm Lortie and Jeff and LeAnn Perry for coming in every week to take care of Chris so I could continue to work. He enjoyed all of you so much. To Central Noble Schools for all the support, food, donations and understanding you gave to me during Chris' illness and death. Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone and everything that has been done for us.

Jody, Jolene, Caleb and Courtney Gaff

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James Hawkins

GARRETT — James L. Hawkins, 65, died Friday, May 9, 2008, at his home in Garrett.

Born in Wolf Lake, he was a driver with UPS for 28 years, retiring in 1994. He was a graduate of Ligonier High School and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church and BPOE in Ligonier. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Hawkins

Surviving are his wife, Marcia L. (Harris) Hawkins of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Mary Beth Hawkins of Leesburg; daughters, two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer and Tom Sapp of Grand Junction, Colo., and Kimberly Graham of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, John Hawkins, Rachel and Gavin Sapp and Alexis and Ashley Graham; a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Pat Hawkins of Pensacola, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy and Merrit Gangwer of Ligonier and Thora Knight of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Lillian Hawkins.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or Bethel United Methodist Church.

Kraig Robinson

ANGOLA — Kraig Robinson, 37, of Angola died Monday, May 12, 2008, at Visiting Nursing and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Robinson loved his best friend Annabelle, his family, friends and all sports.

He was born Dec. 2, 1970, in Angola, to Doyle E. Robinson and Deanna (Shannon) and Ron Gordon.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Deanna and Ron Gordon of Fremont; his father, Doyle E. Robinson of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Kevin and April Robinson of Fremont, and Khristopher Robinson of Fremont; a sister, Kelly Brown of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Metz Church in Metz.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to The Advocate of the Blind and Disabled.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Joy Kirkpatrick

BUTLER — Joy E. Kirkpatrick, 61, of Butler died Sunday evening, May 11, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a custodian at Butler Elementary School for 28 years and a member of the Butler Nazarene Church.

She was born Feb. 2, 1947, in Auburn to Albert L. and Audrey M. (Johnson) Brown.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Sunida Kirkpatrick of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dawn and Greg Kaiser of Edon, Ohio, and Tonya Hetrick of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Lynn P. Brown of Churubusco and Rick Brown of Butler; six sisters, Kay Lemmon of Camden, Mich., Bonnie Harbaugh of Vincennes, Julia Wynkoop of Grant, Mich., Ella Jo Cliffton of Edgerton, Ohio, Dozzy Coburn of Butler and Linda Craig of Auburn; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Brown, and two sisters, Sue Kring and Denise Landis.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Paul Patton of the Butler Nazarene Church officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Nazarene Church.

To sign a guestbook, visit hejohnsonfh.com.

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Catharine Rockefeller

ALBION — Catharine J. Rockefeller, 88, of Avilla died at 12:12 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Rockefeller had moved to the area eight years ago from Las Vegas, Nev.

She had been employed 30 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rockefeller enjoyed doing needlepoint, taking walks and playing bingo.

She was born Jan. 23, 1920, in Fort Wayner. She married Leonard Rockefeller in 1980. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Monier of Fort Wayne; two daughters-in-law, Wendy Andrews of Albion and Debra Andrews of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Wanita; two sons, Ronald Andrews and Clifford Andrews, and a sister, Phyllis Clark.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Candice Rouch

ORLAND — Candice M. Rouch, 9, of Orland died Sunday, May 11, 2008, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Marcille Hendricks

SOUTH BEND — Marcille L. Hendricks, 80, of South Bend died Monday, May 12, 2008, after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She had resided at Morningside Nursing and Memory Care Center since February.

During the early 1970s, Mrs. Hendricks served as a teacher in an Easter Seal Society classroom for preschool handicapped children. She graduated from Mishawaka High School and attended Indiana University in Bloomington for one year.

Mrs. Hendricks was a member of Grace United Methodist Church where she served in leadership roles and as a member of the United Methodist Women. She was a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 2, past advisory board member of the Indiana Order of Rainbow for Girls Chapter 1 and past president of Monroe Elementary PTO.

She loved traveling, playing bridge and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Hendricks was born in Mishawaka on April 21, 1928, to Hershall and Florence (Lytle) Larimer. She married Jim E. Hendricks on Aug. 30, 1947, at East Methodist Church in Mishawaka. He survives in South Bend.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Susan Hendricks of Edwardsburg, Mich.; three daughters and their spouses, Vickie Irwin of Kendallville, Cathie and Roger Horein of South Bend, and Jan and Roy Vice, Palm Harbor, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and their spouses, Jeannie Hendricks, Shawna Hendricks, Julie Hendricks, Andrew Hendricks, Kimberly Irwin, Jim and Emmy Irwin, Kristen Irwin, Erick Bastine, Amy and Ryan Kring, Greg and Heather Horein, Rick Vice, and John and Sarah Vice; a special caregiver, Katie Collins of South Bend; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Palmer Funeral Home — Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend, with Keith Neely officiating. Burial will be in Southlawn Cemetery at South Bend.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association of Northern Indiana, P.O. Box 4204, South Bend, IN 46634, or to the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to palmerfuneralhomes.com.

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John Bixby

KENDALLVILLE — John Fred Bixby, 89, died Monday, May 12, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Bixby

Mr. Bixby moved to Kendallville in 2000 and he worked at the Kendallville Wal-Mart for five years before he became ill.

He worked at Kenmare Furniture Factory and at W.S. George Pottery, both in East Palestine, Ohio. He had also served as a police constable for Unity Township in Columbiana County, Ohio, for 15 years and as the chief of police for New Waterford, Ohio.

In 1967, he moved to LaPorte, where he worked at the Kingsley Furniture Factory, the Indiana Department of Corrections as a corrections officer at the Michigan City State Prison for 16 years and the LaPorte Foundry for 10 years.

Mr. Bixby moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1986 where he worked at the Unical 76 Station for 15 years.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in LaPorte where he served as a trustee and sang in the choir. He enjoyed religious music.

Mr. Bixby served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1944.

He was born in Unity, Ohio, on Jan. 28, 1919, to Benjamin Jarvis and Alice (Rodgers) Bixby. He married Maria A. Vaccaro on Dec. 24, 1955, in East Liverpool, Ohio. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters, Joanne M. and Walter Kauffman of New Brighton, Pa., and Tara A. Rice and Daniel Lillegard of Avilla; three sons, John Bixby of Waldorf, Md., Allan Dale and Sherry Bixby of Avilla and Lawrence Richard and Dawn Bixby of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Amy Butrey of Cleveland, Ohio, Brian Rae of New Brighton, Jennifer Milner of Avilla, Daniel Butler of Avilla, Stephanie Milner of Avilla, Brandi Bixby of Kendallville, Jon Bixby of Kendallville, R.J. Bixby of Kendallville, Danny Lillegard of Avilla and Dylan Rice of Avilla; a sister, Bonnie Howes of East Liverpool, Ohio; and a brother, the Rev. B.J. and Betty Bixby of Orlando, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Averitt, and a brother, J.E. Bixby.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dan McDonald officiating.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Additional services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Dawson Funeral Home, East Liverpool, Ohio. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Calling in Ohio will be from noon to 3 p.m. at Dawson Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Police Fund of East Palestine, Ohio.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

George Fetters

LAGRANGE — George W. Fetters. 92, of LaGrange died at 11:25 a.m. Sunday, May 11, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Fetters had moved to LaGrange seven years ago from Michigan.

He was a farmer and a carpenter.

Mr. Fetters was a member of the United Brethren Church in Midland, Mich.

He was born Sept. 21, 1915, in Meade, Kan., to Alva and Sylvia (Whiten) Fetters. He married Lilia Wolfgang in November 1936 in Michigan. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, George and Sharon Fetters of Moline, Ill., John and Carolyn Fetters of Fayetteville, N.C., and Larry and Marge Fetters of Howe; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Henry, Alvin and Leon Fetters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Whiting Funeral Chapel, 204 2nd St., Breckenridge, Mich. Calling will be there from noon to 3 p.m. Thursday prior to the service. Burial will be in Wheeler Township Cemetery in Wheeler, Mich.

Additional calling will be from 2-4 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange Church of the Nazarene, 508 S. Poplar St., LaGrange.

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Mildred Todd

HOWE — Mildred I. Todd, 89, of Howe died Monday, May 12, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Todd was a homemaker. She had also been the bookkeeper for Keith Todd and Son Masonry and had worked for Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange.

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ, River Oaks Home Economics Club and had volunteered at Parkview LaGrange Hospital for 20 years.

Mrs. Todd was born on Dec. 28, 1918, in Auburn to Carl D. and Imogene M. (Bassett) Strawser. She married J. Keith Todd in Brimfield on May 13, 1939. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1999.

Also surviving are two daughters, Nancy M. Huff of LaGrange, and Beverly J. Todd of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Todd of South Milford; six grandchildren and their spouses, Michael and Robin Todd, Holly and Jeff Spaw, Tammy and Denver Preston, Todd and Myrtle Huff, Julie and Chris Conley and Michel and Todd Jones; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol Helmer of LaGrange and Naomi and Donald Moore of Kokomo; and a brother and sister-in-law, Sherman and Majorie Strawser of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by two great-grandchildren and a brother, Forrest Strawser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at South Milford Church of Christ with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange and from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Send condolences to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Judith Krider

FORT WAYNE — Judith A. (Pieper) Krider, 68, of Fort Wayne died Monday, May 12, 2008.

She had worked for Stanadyne Distribution Center for more than 25 years.

Surviving are three daughters, Terri and John Bryan, Tammy and Scott Raymer and Tanya and Scott St. Louis; her grandchildren, John, Harrison, Nicole, Ashley, Olivia and Spenser; two brothers Jerry Pieper and Joseph and Judy Pieper; a sister, Janet and Bob Leatherman; a sister-in-law, Sherry; 13 nieces and nephews; and 21 great-nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Gwendolyn Pieper; a brother Jeffery Pieper; and sister-in-law, Joyce Pieper.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Clyde Powers

FORT WAYNE — Clyde E. Powers, 86, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Sunday, May 11, 2008, at the Town House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Powers was a self-employed sheet metal worker. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran who served in Normandy.

He was born Dec. 22, 1921, in Pleasant Lake to Basil and Dorothy (Berlien) Powers. He married Eleanor (Miller) Powers in August 1946. She preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, Kenneth Powers of Indianapolis; a daughter, Mary Andorfer of North Carolina; a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Jean Powers of Pleasant Lake; and a sister, Ruth Anspaugh of Angola.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a correction in a surviving relative's name.*

Harold Shellenberger

GARRETT — Harold H. Shellenberger, 82, of Garrett died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shellenberger owned and drove a milk route for Pet Milk Co. from 1949-63. He then became a pilot, flying for Consolidated Airways and Executive Aviation out of Baer Field, and worked part time for a crew for Magnavox. He was a World War II Marine veteran, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He was a member and a past deacon and elder of First Church of Christ in Garrett. He was a member of the Quiet Birdmen in Fort Wayne, Garrett American Legion Post No. 178, Garrett Lions Club and volunteered at the World War II Victory Museum in Auburn. He held a business jet and ATR rating and was a qualified instrument and ground school instructor.

He was born July 8, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Charles Homer and Bessie (Cramer) Shellenberger.

He married Harriet (Gulick) Vise on May 1, 1946, in Chicago. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carole E. Vise Shellenberger Shine and Timothy Shine of Houston; five grandchildren and four spouses, Jeffrey and Angela Grupp of Dallas, Michael and Tanya Grupp of Garland, Texas, Linda and Ronnie Wells and Bradley Grupp, all of Houston, and Christopher and Tonya Grupp of St. Louis, Mich.; eight great-grandchildren, Brian Grupp, Ashley Grupp, Tiffany Grupp, Michael Grupp, Brandon Grupp, Samantha Wells, Tiffany Grupp and Christopher Grupp; and five great-great grandchildren. He also had a half sister, Edna.

Services were Monday at 10 a.m. at the First Church of Christ in Garrett, with the Rev. Jim Lilley officiating. Burial was in Embry Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the church.

Verne Schlemmer

LAGRANGE — Memorial services for Verne S. Schlemmer, 90, of LaGrange will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. The Rev. Ken Weaver will officiate and burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Mr. Schlemmer

Mr. Schlemmer died Saturday, May 3, 2008, at his home. He had retired in 1983 from Schlemmer Hardware where he had worked and became a partner in 1955.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Jane VanDusen

AUBURN — Jane M. VanDusen, 99, of Auburn died Sunday, May 11, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Detroit, she was a homemaker and a member of the Indian Village Church of God.

Surviving are a friend, Martha Pitzer of Auburn, and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Frank VanDusen, and a daughter, Elizabeth McDonald.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Betz Nursing Home.

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Candice Rouch

ORLAND — Candice Marie Rouch, 9, of Orland died at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, May 11, 2008, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. She had suffered from leukemia.

Candice Rouch

She was a third-grade student at Prairie Heights Elementary School.

She was born Oct. 1, 1998, in LaGrange to Rodney L. and Tracy (Ritchie) Sherman. Her mother, Tracy Sherman, survives in Orland and her father and stepmother, Rodney and Cyla Rouch, survive in Bremen.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Donald and Sarah Ritchie of Bremen, Douglas Rouch of Knoxville, Tenn., Kim and Bryan Hill of Mottville, Mich., and Annie Weldy of Bremen; great-grandparents, Sharlyn and Bob Craig of White Pigeon, Mich., Arvin Weldy of Bremen and Charles Miller of Three Rivers, Mich.; and aunts and uncles, Brand and Michelle Ritchie, Adam and Val Rouch, Brian Ritchie, Dustin and Rose Weldy, Heidi Rouch and Britney Weldy.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children or the Candice Rouch Memorial Fund through Farmers State Bank.

Send condolences to the family at carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Margaret Bartman

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Lorraine Bartman, 72, of Kendallville died at 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at her home with her family by her side. She had recently been diagnosed with acute leukemia.

Mrs. Bartman

Mrs. Bartman moved to Kendallville three years ago.

She had owned a beauty shop, The Curl Shop, in Lansing, Ill., for more than 20 years. She then worked in insurance billing for Jones Clinic in Munster. She retired early to care for her youngest grandchild, David.

Mrs. Bartman was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansing and had been a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville for three years.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, fishing, playing cards and doing needlework.

She was born Oct. 16, 1935, in Hammond to Arthur Sr. and Lorraine (Baldwin) Lorenz. She married Wayne D. Bartman on Sept. 17, 1955, in Lansing, Ill. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Bloom of Kendallville and Lorrie and Daniel Wolf of Parkville, Mo.; five grandchildren, Sarah and Steve Gradek and David Wayne Bloom, all of Kendallville, Kimberly Wolf of Austin, Texas, and Paul Wolf and Nora Wolf, both of Missouri; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Chuck Peglow of Woodruff, Wis.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Arthur and MaryEllen Lorenz of Steger, Ill., and Kenneth and Donna Lorenz of Valparaiso; a sister-in-law and her husband, MaryLou and Mac Bartman-MacConnel of Dyer; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Terry Fogleson

AVILLA — Terry W. Fogleson, 42, of Avilla died Monday, May 12, 2008, at 6 a.m. at his residence due to complications from recent surgery.

Services are currently scheduled for Friday.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements

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Genevieve Hornish

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Genevieve A. Hornish, 91, of Defiance, Ohio, died Monday, May 12, 2008, at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center in Defiance.

Mrs. Hornish was a teacher in public schools.

She was a member of the Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren, a member of the Women's Fellowship and a volunteer at Defiance Regional Medical Center.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1917, in Hardin County, Ohio, to Archie and Cora (Daniels) Obenour. She married Richard Hornish in 1944. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Harold and Jean Hornish of Defiance; three daughters and a son-in-law, Carol and Corky Overmyer of Dorr, Mich., Evelyn Schlosser of Fremont, and Roxann Hornish of Defiance; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Stephanie Schlosser; a son-in-law, Louie Schlosser; six sisters, Grace Andrews, Esther Shrider, Eva Obenour, Beatrice Obenour, Doris Shepard and Mildred Yawberg; and four brothers, David, Harry, Paul and Archie Obenour.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren in Defiance, with the Rev. Patricia Meeks officiating. Burial will be in Poplar Ridge Cemetery in Defiance County.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hackenrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, and one hour prior to the service at the church Thursday.

Memorials are to the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center or the Poplar Ridge Cemetery fund.

Elouise Kessler

INDIANAPOLIS — Elouise Kessler, 91, of Indianapolis died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 9:20 a.m. at Wildwood Healthcare Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Kessler was a homemaker.

She had lived in Indianapolis since 1967, moving there from Lagro where she had lived 50 years.

She was born April 21, 1917, in Wabash to Homer L. and Lula Mae (Denton) Unger. She married Lawrence E. Kessler in 1937. He died May 20, 1966.

Surviving are two daughters, Phyllis Montgomery of Estero, Fla., and Barbara Bishop of Wabash; two sons, Lawrence Junior and Shirley Kessler of LaFontaine and Jerry and Patsy Kessler of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Eddie Kessler in 1968; two brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash. Burial will be in Lagro Cemetery at Lagro.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

A memorial guest book may be signed at grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Larry Lengacher

CANTON, Ohio — Larry W. Lengacher, 53, of Canton died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Aultman Hospital in Canton following an extended illness.

He was born in LaGrange, and lived in Ligonier for several years before moving to Canton about 15 years ago.

He was a self-employed publisher.

Mr. Lengacher was a member of Market Avenue Church of Christ in Canton.

Surviving are his mother, Bertha Lengacher of Ligonier; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Craig Conner of Cave Creek, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Lengacher.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Townline Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

A second service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Market Avenue Church of Christ in Canton, with Pastor Keith Kull officiating.

There will be no calling hours.

Lamiell Funeral Home in Canton is in charge of arrangements.

Agnes Higgins

AUBURN — Agnes M. "Mable" Higgins, 70, died Friday, May 9, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Arnold Werker

LIGONIER — Arnold E. "Arnie" Werker, 87, of Ligonier died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 4:35 p.m. at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen. Mr. Werker had been in declining health since February.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Lucille Wysong

LIGONIER — Lucille Wysong, 89, of Ligonier died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 3:50 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Barbara Hill

FORT WAYNE — Barbara J. Hill, 74, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hill

She was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church and its Women's Circle. She worked and volunteered for 35 years with the East Allen County Schools. She was a teacher's aide at Meadowbrook and Highland Terrace Schools.

Born in Cleveland, Okla., she was the daughter of John and Ruth Brown.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years, Russell; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joni and Larry Brown of Fort Wayne, Mindy and Brad Stevens of Hamilton and Julie and Don Lauer of Auburn; a daughter-in-law, Jan Maxwell of Athens, Ohio; a sister, Mary Ann Clark of Fort Wayne; five granddaughters, Amanda, Andrea, Jennica, Anna, and Elizabeth; and her mother-in-law, Thelma Hill of Paulding, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Hill, in 1996; a granddaughter, Grace Lauer, in 1993; and siblings Eddie Brown, Bill Brown, Maxine Watson and Evelyn Salisbury.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven. The Rev. Rick Taylor will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery at Briceton, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the New Haven United Methodist Church or American Diabetes Association.

Kraig Robinson

December 2, 1970 - May 12, 2008

ANGOLA – Kraig Robinson, 37, of Angola, died Monday, May 12, 2008, at Visiting Nursing and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 2, 1970, in Angola, to Doyle E. Robinson and Deanna (Shannon) and Ron Gordon.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Deanna and Ron Gordon of Fremont; his father, Doyle E. Robinson of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Kevin and April Robinson of Fremont, and Khristopher Robinson of Fremont; a sister, Kelly Brown of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart, K.C. Robinson, Alexandra, Blake and their father Tim Brown, Emily and her mother Traci Robinson, Thomas and Jenna Hern, Malynda and Mike Beemon, and Krystina and Tylor Will.

He enjoyed and loved his best friend, Annabelle, his family, friends and all sports.

"A heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes and a mischievous smile at rest. God broke our hearts to prove he only takes the best."

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Metz Church in Metz.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to to the Family; Project Help or The Advocate for the Blind and Disabled.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Indiana.

Paid obituary at the request of the family

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information and corrected information.*

Catharine Rockefeller

ALBION — Catharine J. Rockefeller, 88, of Avilla died at 12:12 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Rockefeller had moved to the area eight years ago from Las Vegas, Nev.

She had been employed 30 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rockefeller enjoyed doing needlepoint, taking walks and playing bingo.

She was born Jan. 23, 1920, in Fort Wayne, to William and Harriet Miller. She married Leonard Rockefeller in 1980. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Monier of Fort Wayne; two daughters-in-law, Wendy Andrews of Albion and Debra Andrews of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Ronald Andrews and Clifford Andrews, and two sisters, Phyllis Clark and Carol Miller.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Clyde Bates

LIGONIER — Clyde Bates, 86, of Ligonier died at 11:03 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 2008, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Grayson, Ky., to George and Ida (Wilson) Bates. He married Lorrine Bragg. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Bates had been a railroad conductor.

He was a World War II veteran and he had received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Bates was a member of the American Legion and V.F.W.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryl and Elroy Mast of Ligonier; a son, Jerry Bates of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ella Hopper.

Services will be Saturday at Pryor Funeral Home in East Bank, W.Va. Burial will be in London Cemetery, Montgomery, W.Va.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences are to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Fredrick Young

BOURBON — Fredrick Lynn Young, 42, of Bourbon and Wawaka died of natural causes at 10:44 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2008, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center at Plymouth.

Mr. Young attended the JESSIE program at Argos High School. He was employed at the Foundations Center in Albion.

He enjoyed summer camp at Epworth Forest, traveling with his family, bowling and being around people.

Mr. Young enjoyed music, especially show tunes, the jam sessions at Grace Village and the annual Masterworks Festival in Winona Lake.

For the last six years, he walked the Mackinac Bridge over Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Young attended the United Methodist Church in Bourbon.

He was born May 16, 1965, in Plymouth to Danny and Naomi (Pickerl) Young. He was preceded in death by his father.

Surviving are his mother, Naomi Young of Bourbon and Wawaka; a sister, Carman Young of Fort Wayne; a brother, Greg "B.J." Young of Locust Grove, Ga.; an aunt, Hattie Bierly of Atwood; an uncle, Dwight Pickerl of Indianapolis; and several cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with the Rev. Mark Day, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Bourbon, officiating. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery at Plymouth.

Memorials are to the Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church in Bourbon, or the Masterworks Festival (masterworksfestival.org).

Condolences may be sent to the family johnson-danielson.com.

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Susan L. Lower, 54

RUSHVILLE — Susan L. Lower (Formerly Susan L. Nickolas) age 54, died May 1, 2008 at 5:45 AM at her sister's home in Shelbyville, IN. Susan lived in the New Salem area for 30 years.

She was born February 8, 1954, to Tom and Mary (Fishback) Nickolas.

She was united in marriage to Randy Lower on April 6, 1974. He preceded her in death on March 31, 1991.

She worked as a fork lift operator for Fujitsu Ten in Rushville in the Receiving Department for 15 years until December 2007.

Mrs. Lower was a member of the New Salem United Methodist Church, and Glenwood Volunteer Fire Dept. (Ladies Aux.).

She is survived by her parents, Tom and Mary Nickolas of Manilla, IN; two sons, Eric Lower of New Salem, and Chris (Amber) Lower of Glenwood, IN; two brothers, Jim (Carol) Nickolas and Jon Nickolas both of Manilla, IN; two sisters, Marsha Neeb of Shelbyville, IN and Vicki (Gary) Wetzel of Manilla; four grandchildren, Brianna, Blake, Caitlyn and Cheyann; two brothers-in-law, Greg (Linda) Lower of Greensburg and Tim Lower of Rushville; two sisters-in-law, Teresa Meyer of Rushville and Lori (Mark) Hoeing of New Salem.

Services will be Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 AM, at Moster Mortuary in Rushville, with the Pastor Phil Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Layton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department And/or Hospice of Shelby County.

Fredrick Lynn Young, 42

BOURBON - Fredrick Lynn Young, 42, of Bourbon and Wawaka, IN, died of natural causes at 10:44 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2008 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Plymouth, IN, on May 16, 1965, Fred was the son of Danny Young and Naomi (Pickerl) Young. He was preceded in death by his father.

Fred attended the JESSIE program at Argos High School. He was employed at the Foundations Center in Albion, IN.

He enjoyed summer camp at Epworth Forest, traveling with his family, music, his daily walks, bowling and most of all, being around people. Some of Fred's favorite music included anything classical, such as "The Sound of Music" and "Oklahoma", the jam session at Grace Village and the Masterworks Festival in Winona Lake every summer.

For the last six years, Fred walked the Mackinac Bridge over Labor Day weekend.

Fred recently shared in the excitement of the Triton Men's Basketball State Championship.

Fred is survived by his mother, Naomi Young of Bourbon and Wawaka; a sister, Carman Young of Fort Wayne, IN; a brother, Greg (B.J.) Young of Locust Grove, GA; an aunt, Hattie Bierly of Atwood; an uncle, Dwight Pickerl of Indianapolis and cousins.

Funeral services for Fred will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2008, in the funeral home. The Rev. Mark Day, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Bourbon, where Fred attended, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a memorial contribution to the Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church in Bourbon, or the Masterworks Festival (www.masterworksfestival.org).

Sharing memories and offering condolences may be sent to the family Via: www.johnson-danielson.com

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Olivia Kay Iden, 3 Months

SYRACUSE — Olivia Kay Iden, 3 months, of Syracuse died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Feb. 6, 2008, in Fort Wayne to Nick and Jessica Iden.

She is survived by her parents, Nick and Jessica Iden of Syracuse; a brother, Lane Iden of Syracuse; grandparents Darrin and Diana Iden of North Manchester, Cindy Bodenhafer of Kimmell, and Ron and Roxy Bodenhafer of Rome City; several great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were May 13th at noon at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel in Warsaw, with the Rev. Bruce Barlow officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

Catharine J. Rockefeller, 88

ALBION — Catharine J. Rockefeller, age 88, died May 12, 2008 at 12:12 am in the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born on January 23, 1920, the daughter of William and Harriett Miller in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was united in marriage to Leonard Rockefeller in 1980. He survives in Avilla.

Catharine enjoyed needlepoint, loved to take walks and Bingo.

She is survived by one daughter, Bonnie Monier of Fort Wayne; two daughters-in-law, Wendy Andrews of Albion and Debra Andrews of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, William and Harriett Miller; two sons, Ronald Andrews and Clifford Andrews; and two sisters, Phyllis Clark, and Carol Miller.

There will be no services or visitation. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Raymond A. Pickell, 68

ALBION — Raymond A. Pickell, 68, of Albion died Thursday, May 8, 2008, in Brookville, Fla.

Mr. Pickell was a former Albion postmaster. He was born Sept. 2, 1939, in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

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John Fred Bixby, 89

KENDALLVILLE — John Fred Bixby, 89, died on May 12, 2008 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Indiana.

He was born in Unity, Ohio on January 28, 1919 to Benjamin Jarvis and Alice (Rodgers) Bixby.

He married Maria A. Vaccaro on December 24, 1955 in East Liverpool, Ohio

Mr. Bixby served his country during WWII in the United States Army being honorably discharged in 1944.

He worked at Kenmare Furniture Factory in East Palestine, Ohio; he was a police constable for Unity Township in Columbiana County, Ohio for 15 years; the Chief of Police for New Waterford, Ohio at the same time he was constable and he worked at the W.S. George Pottery in East Palestine, Ohio.

In 1967 the family moved to LaPorte, Indiana where he worked at the Kingsley Furniture Factory, the Indiana Department of Corrections as a corrections officer at the Michigan City State Prison for 16 years and the LaPorte Foundry for 10 years.

They moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1986 where Mr. Bixby worked at the Unical 76 Station for 15 years.

When the Bixby's moved back to Kendallville in 2000, John worked at the Kendallville Wal-Mart for 5 years before he got sick.

He was a member of Church of the Nazarene in LaPorte where he served as a trustee. He loved Religious music and he was a singer in the Church of the Nazarene choir.

Survivors include: wife, Maria Bixby of Kendallville; two daughters, Joanne M. (Walter) Kauffman of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, and Tara A. Rice and Daniel Lillegard of Avilla; three sons, John Bixby of Waldorf, Maryland, Allan Dale (Sherry) Bixby of Avilla, and Lawrence Richard (Dawn) Bixby of Kendallville; ten grandchildren: Amy Butrey of Cleveland, Ohio; Brian Rae of New Brighton; Jennifer Milner of Avilla; Daniel Butler of Avilla; Stephanie Milner of Avilla; Brandi Bixby of Kendallville; Jon Bixby of Kendallville; RJ Bixby of Kendallville; Danny Lillegard of Avilla; Dylan Rice of Avilla; one sister, Bonnie Howes of East Liverpool, Ohio; and one brother, Rev. B.J. (Betty) Bixby of Orlando, Florida.

Preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Betty Averitt and a brother, J.E. Bixby.

Funeral Services were Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service in Indiana was Rev. Dan McDonald.

Visitation in Ohio will be Friday, May 17, 2008 from Noon to 3 P.M. at Dawson Funeral Home, East Liverpool, Ohio.

Funeral Services in Ohio will be Friday, May 17, 2008 at 3 P.M. at Dawson Funeral Home, East Liverpool, Ohio.

Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Police Fund of East Palestine, Ohio.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

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Dr. Manu Patel dies during cruise

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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AND STAFF REPORTS

KENDALLVILLE — Longtime Kendallville physician Dr. Manubhai “Manu” Patel, died Sunday while on board a cruise ship near Vancouver, British Columbia.

Patel, who retired from his medical practice in 2006, and his wife, Amita, were on a vacation.

Dr. Don Stallman, Patel’s personal physician and colleague on the Parkview Noble Hospital medical staff, received a call Tuesday from the coroner in Vancouver who informed him of Patel’s death. While news of his death was unexpected, Patel had been in declining health, Stallman said.

Dr. Patel

Dave Hunter, chief operating officer of Parkview Noble Hospital, learned of Patel’s death Wednesday morning and informed hospital staff.

“Dr. Patel had served as an active and vital part of the hospital medical staff for many years,“ Hunter said. “He was very devoted to his patients and to the hospital and we are so very appreciative of his efforts to help make Parkview Noble Hospital the success it is today.”

Parkview Noble Hospital emergency center director Dr. Terry Gaff called Patel a friend, neighbor and colleague for many years. “He was a gentle man as well as a gentleman with a quiet, kind and friendly manner.”

Patel’s medical practice included the entire gamut of skills, including surgery and obstetrics, according to Gaff.

“I am very sad that he did not have more time to enjoy his retirement years after a long and worthy career in medicine in the service of his fellow man,” added Gaff.

A native of Jalalpor, India, Patel was an active member of the Parkview Noble Hospital (and former McCray Memorial Hospital) medical staff, from May 1972 until his retirement in 2006, when he was granted emeritus status in October of that year.

Stallman said it was unclear when the cruise ship was scheduled to dock in the United States, and when Patel’s body would be returned to Kendallville.

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Terry Fogleson

AVILLA — Terry W. Fogleson, 42, of Avilla died at 6 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2008, at his residence due to complications from a recent surgery.

Mr. Fogleson was involved in RC racing at Stateline RC Raceway in Fremont, a NASCAR fan and was a fisherman and hunter.

He was a past member of the Kendallville Bass Masters and the Northeastern Indiana Bass Masters.

He enjoyed spending time with his pet dogs.

He was born Dec. 4, 1965, in Fort Wayne to Edwin G. and Kay (Huth) Fogelson Shoemaker. His father died on Dec. 31, 1969, and his mother, Kay Shoemaker, survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are his twin brother, Tracey Shoemaker of Avilla; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra and Robert Dean of Kendallville and Barbara and Don Nagler of Angola; a nephew, Robert Dean of Kendallville; a niece, Kay Kimmell of Kendallville; a great-nephew, Gabriel Oakes of Avilla; a great-niece, Samantha Oakes of Kendallville; aunts and uncles, Junior and Joan Huth of Florida, Richard, Sue, Ervin and Barb Huth, all of Wolcottville, Barbara and Maynard Dressler of New Haven, Terry and Mary Shoemaker of Fort Wayne, and Bud Fogleson of Wisconsin; and many other cousins and friends.

He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Charles Shoemaker on March 10, 2003; a stepbrother, Steve Shoemaker in 1989, and his grandparents, Alfred and Brenda Huth, Clell and Vera Fogleson and Irvin and Carma Shoemaker.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will follow later at Waynedale Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Della Symes

GIBRALTAR, Mich. — Della Margaret Symes, 87, of Gibraltar, Mich., died May 7, 2008.

She was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Atlantic City, N.J., to Peter and Della (Hansen) Friis.

She married Charles Symes in Orchard Lake, Mich., in 1964. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert J. Reetz and Joan Treesh-Reetz of Butler and Kerry D. and Marcia Reetz of Livonia, Mich.; a brother, Larry Ammon of Howell, Mich.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daugher, Della Love Gardiner; a brother, Nichols Ammon; and two sisters, Dolly Taylor and Peggy Antinelli.

A memorial service was held Saturday.

Condolences may be sent to arthurbobcean.com.

Lucille Wysong

LIGONIER — Lucille Wysong, 89, of Ligonier died at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Wysong had retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier after 35 years of service. She later worked five years for Lydall Corp. in Ligonier.

Her hobbies were playing Yahtzee and euchre, watching the Cubs, reading, working crossword puzzles and watching TV.

She was born Aug. 10, 1918, in Noble County to John E. and Cornelia (Golden) DePew.

Surviving are one son, Laird K. Wysong and his wife, Katie, of Kendallville; a daughter, Rhea Morris and her husband, Kenny, of Syracuse; a son-in-law, Arnold Shepherd of Ligonier; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra K. Shepherd; and four sisters, Pauline Stolte, Carol Schliecher, Olive DePew and Margaret DePew.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted because of an error in the date of a memorial service.*

Larry Lengacher

CANTON, Ohio — Larry W. Lengacher, 53, of Canton died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Aultman Hospital in Canton following an extended illness.

He was born in LaGrange, and lived in Ligonier for several years before moving to Canton about 15 years ago.

He was a self-employed publisher.

Mr. Lengacher was a member of Market Avenue Church of Christ in Canton.

Surviving are his mother, Bertha Lengacher of Ligonier; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Craig Conner of Cave Creek, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Lengacher.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. today at Townline Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

A memorial service was held Monday at Market Avenue Church of Christ in Canton, with Pastor Keith Kull officiating.

There will be no calling hours.

Lamiell Funeral Home in Canton was in charge of arrangements.

Carl Goodwin

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Carl B. "Rusty" Goodwin, 88, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Roswell, Ga., died April 5, 2008, at his home in St. Augustine.

Mr. Goodwin was a native of St. Joe. He worked for Colonial Life and Accident for more than 40 years in the Washington, D.C., area.

Surviving are three sons, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters.

A memorial service will be May 31 at 11 a.m. in St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, 6900 River Road, Bethesda, Md.

Alice Ramey

FORT WAYNE — Alice M. Ramey, 60, died Monday, May 12, 2008, at Coventry Meadows in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Northern Indiana Public Service Co. after 30 years as a customer service representative. She also was an usher at the Memorial Coliseum and attended Fellowship Missionary Church and New Horizons Fellowship Church.

Mrs. Ramey was born June 18, 1947, in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Frank and Evelyn (Lehman) Ford.

Survivors include a daughter, Jennifer Howard of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Frank Ford of Bangkok, Thailand, and Ed Ford of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Smith of Huntertown; and grandchildren Katie and Lance Gustin and Megan Fedock.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Ford.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to A.L.S. Association or Heartland Hospice.

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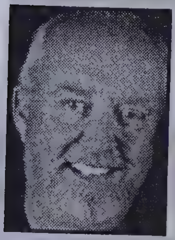
James Hawkins

GARRETT — James L. Hawkins, 65, died Friday, May 9, 2008, at his home in Garrett.


Mr. Hawkins

Born in Wolf Lake, he was a driver with UPS for 28 years, retiring in 1994. He was a graduate of Ligonier High School and a member of Bethel United Methodist Church and BPOE in Ligonier. He served in the U.S. Navy.

Surviving are his wife, Marcia L. (Harris) Hawkins of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Mary Beth Hawkins of Leesburg; daughters, two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer and Tom Sapp of Grand Junction, Colo., and Kimberly Graham of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, John Hawkins, Rachel and Gavin Sapp and Alexis and Ashley Graham; a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Pat Hawkins of Pensacola, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy and Merrit Gangwer of Ligonier and Thora Knight of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Lillian Hawkins.

Services were Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home Fort Wayne. The Rev. Dennis Leinbach officiated.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or Bethel United Methodist Church.

Clyde Bates

LIGONIER — Clyde Bates, 86, of Ligonier died at 11:03 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 2008, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Grayson, Ky., to George and Ida (Wilson) Bates. He married Lorrine Bragg. She preceded him in death.

Mr. Bates had been a railroad conductor.

He was a World War II veteran and he had received a Purple Heart.

Mr. Bates was a member of the American Legion and V.F.W.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryl and Elroy Mast of Ligonier; a son, Jerry Bates of Columbus, Ohio; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Ella Hopper.

Services were Saturday at Pryor Funeral Home in East Bank, W.Va. Burial was in London Cemetery, Montgomery, W.Va.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury was in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences are to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Larry Lengacher

CANTON, Ohio — Larry W. Lengacher, 53, of Canton died Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Aultman Hospital in Canton following an extended illness.

He was born in LaGrange, and lived in Ligonier for several years before moving to Canton about 15 years ago.

He was a self-employed publisher.

Mr. Lengacher was a member of Market Avenue Church of Christ in Canton.

Surviving are his mother, Bertha Lengacher of Ligonier; and a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Craig Conner of Cave Creek, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Lengacher.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, at Townline Mennonite Church in Shipshewana.

A second service was held last Monday at Market Avenue Church of Christ in Canton, with Pastor Keith Kull officiating.

There will be no calling hours.

Lamiell Funeral Home in Canton is in charge of arrangements.

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Fredrick Young

BOURBON — Fredrick Lynn Young, 42, of Bourbon and Wawaka, died of natural causes at 10:44 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2008, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center at Plymouth.

Mr. Young attended the JESSIE program at Argos High School. He was employed at the Foundations Center in Albion.

He enjoyed summer camp at Epworth Forest, traveling with his family, bowling and being around people.

Mr. Young enjoyed music, especially show tunes, the jam sessions at Grace Village and the annual Masterworks Festival in Winona Lake.

For the last six years, he walked the Mackinac Bridge over Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Young attended the United Methodist Church in Bourbon.

He was born May 16, 1965, in Plymouth to Danny and Naomi (Pickerl) Young. He was preceded in death by his father.

Surviving are his mother, Naomi Young of Bourbon and Wawaka; a sister, Carman Young of Fort Wayne; a brother, Greg "B.J." Young of Locust Grove, Ga.; an aunt, Hattie Bierly of Atwood; an uncle, Dwight Pickerl of Indianapolis; and several cousins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with the Rev. Mark Day, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Bourbon, officiating. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery at Plymouth.

Services Pending

Arnold Werker

LIGONIER — Arnold E. "Arnie" Werker, 87, of Ligonier died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 4:35 p.m. at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen. Mr. Werker had been in declining health since February.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Lucille Wysong

LIGONIER — Lucille Wysong, 89, of Ligonier died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 3:50 p.m. at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

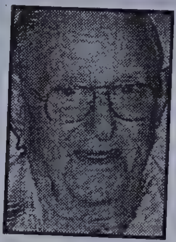
Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church in Bourbon, or the Masterworks Festival (masterworksfestival.org).

Condolences may be sent to the family johnson-danielson.com.

Newell Cripe

Lake Okeechobee, Fla - Newell Hall Cripe of Lake Okeechobee, Florida, died May 7, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Ralston Hospital in Okeechobee.


Mr. Cripe

He was born on Feb. 26, 1921 to Benjamin and Buriel (Hall) Cripe. Newell had one sister, Virginia who preceded him in death. He was married in 1940 to Muriel Vondersmith, and she also preceded him in death.

Surviving are their children, Richard and Mirtie Cripe of Ligonier, Ronald and Lydia Cripe of Goshen, and Brenda Steller of Ligonier. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren and four step children.

Newell was married to Mary Woodworth in 1973. She died in January of 2007.

One grandson also preceded him in death.

Newell was employed with the Chevrolet dealer in Okeechobee and was a mem-

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Helen Showalter-Haggarty

INDIANAPOLIS — Helen Showalter-Haggarty, 98, of Indianapolis died Thursday May 15, 2008, at her residence, the Forum, in Indianapolis.

After graduating from Greenfield High School she attended Indiana University, where she earned her degree as a registered nurse. Soon after graduation she married Dr. John Showalter and moved to his hometown of Waterloo, where he established his medical practice. She continued to live in Waterloo until her husband's death in 1967.

She married John Haggarty of Auburn on Dec. 6, 1968. They lived in Auburn until 1991, when they moved to the Forum in Indianapolis. He preceded her in death.

She was a charter member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and remained connected to the Indiana University chapter throughout her life. Her hobbies were playing bridge and golf and traveling in the United States and abroad.

She was born June 17, 1909, in Greenfield to Maude and Frank Rhoadarmer.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Michael C. and Anne Haggarty of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Betty and Jim Spurrier of Chatham, Ill.; two stepgrandchildren, John Haggarty of Auburn and Thomas Haggarty of Fort Wayne; her stepgreat-grandchildren; two guardian nephews, David Rhoadarmer of Martinsville and John Rhoadarmer of Traverse City, Mich.; a great-niece; two great-nephews; and six great-grand-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Rhoadarmer, a sister, Elizabeth Floyd, and a niece.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Nancy Becker officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Everett Gray

CHURUBUSCO — Everett L. Gray, 71, of Churubusco died Wednesday, May 14, 2006, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Gray had been employed in the construction industry.

He was a member of the Sons of the Legion in Churubusco and the Men's Auxiliary of the VFW in Columbia City.

He was born May 17, 1937, in Noble County to Harvey and Hazel (Johnson) Gray.

Surviving is his companion, Deb Rollins of Churubusco; two sons, Terry Gray of Enterprise, Ala., and Tony Gray of Hicksville, Ohio; a daughter, Josette Speaker of Albion; two brothers, Charles and Jean Gray of Portland, Ind., and Phil Gray of Castle Haynes, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

No services or calling. His ashes will be scattered at a later date.

Williamson & Spencer Funeral Homes, Portland Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to williamsonspencer.com.

Gerald Blauser

AUBURN — Gerald "Jerry" L. Blauser, 79, of Auburn died Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blauser worked as an assembler at International Harvester and was a member of the Fort Wayne Bowling Association and the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

He was born April 30, 1929, in Fort Wayne to Lloyd Blauser and Clara "Betty" (Talbert) Chausse.

He married Phyllis J. Chaney on Sept. 3, 1950, in Spencerville. She died July 31, 1983.

He married Delores Simpson on Dec. 18, 1987, in Angola. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jay Blauser of Harlan and Phillip and Pam Blauser of Grabill; two daughters and a son-in-law, Dawn Blauser of Grabill and Mary and Joe Hunt of Cecil, Ohio; several stepchildren; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and a sister, Kate Stopher of Salem, Ore.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Blauser.

Private funeral services will be conducted, with Pastor Liz Nickel officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Memorials are to Parkview North Hospice, Parkview Hospital Foundation, 2200 Randalia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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HE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Terry Fogleson

AVILLA — Terry W. Fogleson, 42, of Avilla died at 6 a.m. Monday, May 12, 2008, at his residence due to complications from a recent surgery.

Mr. Fogleson was involved in RC racing at Stateline RC Raceway in Fremont, a NASCAR fan and was a fisherman and hunter.

He was a past member of the Kendallville Bass Masters and the Northeastern Indiana Bass Masters.

Mr. Fogleson

He enjoyed spending time with his pet dogs.

He was born Dec. 4, 1965, in Fort Wayne to Edwin G. and Kay (Huth) Fogelson Shoemaker. His father died on Dec. 31, 1969, and his mother, Kay Shoemaker, survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are his twin brother, Tracey Fogleson of Avilla; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra and Robert Dean of Kendallville and Barbara and Don Nagler of Angola; a nephew, Robert Dean of Kendallville; a niece, Kay Kimmell of Kendallville; a great-nephew, Gabriel Oakes of Avilla; a great-niece, Samantha Oakes of Kendallville; aunts and uncles, Junior and Joan Huth of Florida, Richard, Sue, Ervin and Barb Huth, all of Wolcottville, Barbara and Maynard Dressler of New Haven, Terry and Mary Shoemaker of Fort Wayne, and Bud Fogleson of Wisconsin; and many other cousins and friends.

He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Charles Shoemaker on March 10, 2003; a stepbrother, Steve Shoemaker in 1989, and his grandparents, Alfred and Brenda Huth, Clell and Vera Fogleson and Irvin and Carma Shoemaker.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will follow later at Waynedale Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Arnold Werker

LIGONIER — Arnold "A" "Arnie" Werker, 87, of Ligonier died at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen. Mr. Werker had been in declining health since February.

He had driven trucks for Studebaker in South Bend and Ligonier Rubber in Ligonier. He had also been employed by Now Courier of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Werker had enjoyed shows at the opera houses in the area.

He was a member of the Sparta Church of Christ in Kimmell, Ligonier Lions Club and Ligonier Elks. He had served as chaplain for the Ligonier Elks.

He was born in Sparta Township, Noble County, May 2, 1921, to Orlo and Effie Werker.

Surviving are two sons, Gary and Sally Werker of Goshen and Brent Werker of Fort Wayne; a stepson, John and Trudy Fergson of Clarksville, Tenn.; two stepdaughters, Joyce and David Kendall of Tippua Lake, Ohio, and Claudia and Earl Rogers of Fort Wayne; a sister, Georgia Shellabarger of Brookville, Ohio; grandchildren and their spouses, Andrea and Patrick Noll and Mary Werker, all of Fort Wayne, Chad and Sarah Werker, Jenni and Jeff Meyer, Wendy Rosario-Bentley and Trevor Werker, all of Goshen, and Curt Bentley and Sara Nowakowski of Elkhart; and numerous great-grandchildren, stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Werker; a sister, Gloria Bertram; a stepson, Donald Fergson; and his former spouses, Carol Werker and Evelyn Fergson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St. Ligonier, with the Rev. Dan Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers will be Chad, Trevor and Sally Werker, Jeff Meyer, Roger Bertram and Earl Rogers.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to hospice, Sparta Church of Christ in Kimmell or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Longtime Kendallville physician Manu Patel dies

KENDALLVILLE — Manu Patel, M.D., 69, of Kendallville died Sunday, May 11, 2008, while on board a cruise ship near Vancouver, British Columbia.

A longtime Kendallville physician, Dr. Patel was an active member of the Parkview Noble Hospital (and former McCray Memorial Hospital) medical staff, and practiced medicine for 34 years in Kendallville until his retirement in August 2006.

He was an active member of the local and state medical societies and also the American Medical Association. Dr. Patel was a voracious reader of all scriptural texts and put the teachings into practice in his everyday life.

Dr. Patel was born in Jalalpor, India, in 1938 to Prabhudas and Gangaben Prabhudas (Gangaben Morarji) Patel. He married Amita M. Patel in June 1966 in Toledo, Ohio. She survives in Kendallville.

Dr. Patel

Also surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Chandrakant and Taraben Patel of New York, N.Y., and Dr. Prakash and Vasuben Patel of India; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Dr. Usha Patel, Bharatiben and Krushnakant Patel, and Meenakshi and Bhikhubhai Patel, all of India; five nephews; three nieces; and six grand-nephews and grand-nieces.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Cremation services will be at Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne, directly following the services in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, American Lung Association or American Heart Association.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Beuchel

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Robert Beuchel, 66, of Three Rivers, Mich., died at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008, in Heartland Health Care Center, Three Rivers.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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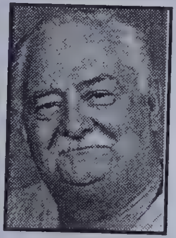
Terry Bowman

AUBURN — Terry L. Bowman, 61, died Thursday, May 15, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Bowman was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church. His hobbies were hunting and fishing.


Mr. Bowman

Surviving are a daughter, Annalisa Ohning of Auburn; two sons, Curtis Bowman and Travis Bowman, both of Auburn; six grandchildren, Damian Bowman, Ryan Ohning, Austin Bowman, Shalyn Bowman, Nicholas Bowman and Carson Ohning; a brother, Jerry Bowman of Auburn; a sister, Shirley Baird of Auburn; his fiancee, Linda Kapp of Auburn; a half-sister, Barb Buttermore of Auburn; and the mother of his children, Sandra F. Bowman of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Duane Bowman and Mary Jane Patterson-Bowman-Ganger, and two brothers, Duane Bowman Jr. and Don Bowman.,

A memorial service will be at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

Warren Lopshire

Mr. Lopshire

CHURUBUSCO — Warren R. Lopshire, 91, of Churubusco and formerly of Allen County died at 2:10 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 2008, at The Oaks in Columbia City. He had been a patient there for the past four months.

He spent his formative years in Lafayette Township in Allen County and graduated from Lafayette Central High School in 1934.

Mr. Lopshire lived all of his married life in Allen County before moving to Churubusco from Marion Township in 1984.

He worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Allen County Highway Department for 20 years before retiring in 1981. He also farmed in Allen County prior to his retirement.

Mr. Lopshire had served as the Lafayette Township trustee and was a fisherman.

On Oct. 30, 1916, in Wayne Township in Allen County, he was born to G. Herbert and Zetta (Robinson) Lopshire. He married Etta I. Johnson in Allen County on Oct. 14, 1939. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gene M. and Sharon Lopshire of Avilla, Warren Lynn "Buck" and Marge Lopshire of Albion, and Lonnie Lopshire of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister and brother-in-law, Verne and Charles Rosenthal of Salt Lake City; several grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Whitley County EMS Medic 21.

Condolences can be sent to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

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J. Joan Hindman

PLEASANT LAKE — J. Joan Hindman, 65, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, May 15, 2008, at her home.

She was born June 29, 1942, in Ashley to Ralph and Lena (Nelson) Roland.

She married Larry Hindman on Nov. 14, 1959, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. He survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Holley and Frank Fenton and Tammy Gray; a son, Wesley Hindman; five grandchildren, Erica Hindman, Zac Fenton, Brady Fenton, Kass Fenton and Delaney Fenton; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ralph and Helen Roland and Al and Shelley Roland; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Fairy and Bob Stomm and Diana and LD Rowe.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Stacey Jo Hindman, and three sisters, Dawn Stoy, Bonnie Perry and Gloria Roland.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Newell Cripe

LAKE OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Newell Hall Cripe of Lake Okeechobee, Fla., died Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 7 p.m. at Ralston Hospital in Okeechobee.

Mr. Cripe

Mr. Newell was employed with the Chevrolet dealership in Okeechobee and was a member of the VFW in Okeechobee.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1921, to Benjamin and Buriel (Hall) Cripe.

Mr. Newell had one sister, Virginia, who preceded him in death. He was married in 1940 to Muriel Vondersmith, and she also preceded him in death. He was then married to Mary Woodworth in 1973. She died in January 2007.

Surviving are their children, Richard and Mirtie Cripe of Ligonier, Ronald and Lydia Cripe of Goshen, and Brenda Steller of Ligonier. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren and four stepgrandchildren.

One grandson also preceded him in death.

Newell was employed with the Chevrolet dealer in Okeechobee and was a member of the VFW in Okeechobee.

No services were announced.

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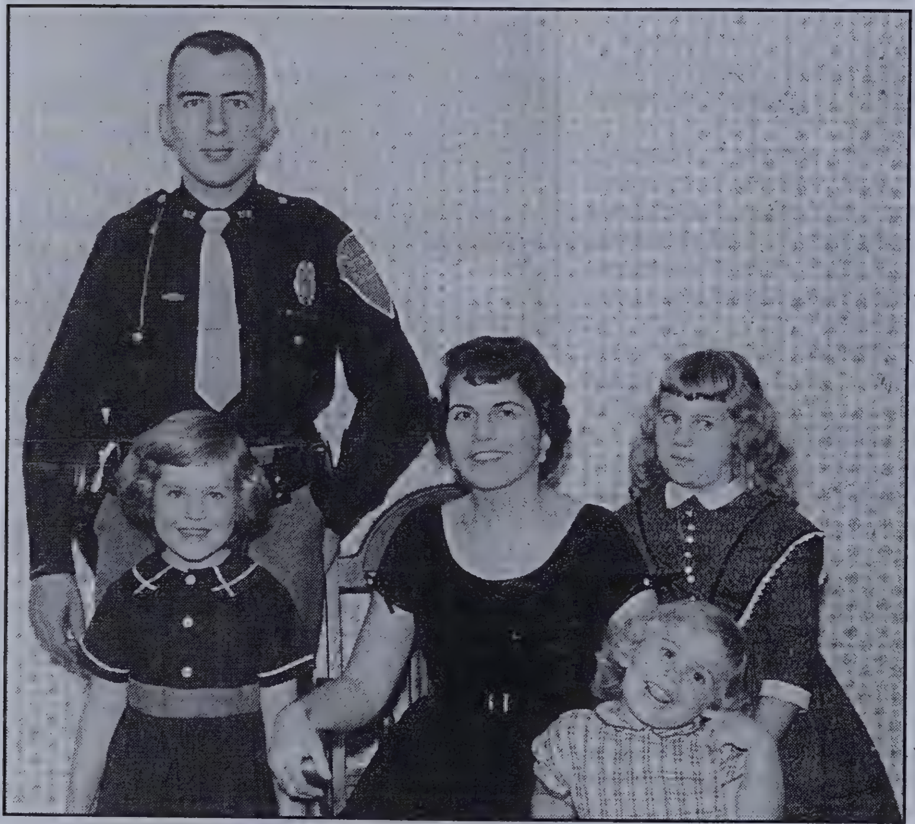
Bob Moran gave to others as public servant, citizen



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Robert L. Moran, when he was with the Indiana State Police, is shown with his wife, Frances, and daughters Debra, Marsha and Nancy.

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BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — His was truly a wonderful life.

Robert "Bob" Moran was a proud father of three daughters and six grandchildren, loving husband to his wife Frances "Fran" for 57 years, a submariner in the Korean War, a respected Indiana State Police sergeant, a devoted member of Trinity Church United Methodist, a valued East Noble School Corp. employee and a dedicated citizen.

He gave of himself to help others.

Mr. Moran

"Bob did not let artificial barriers such as race, skin color or any other thing cause him to not respect or help another human being," said Pastor Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Mr. Moran served 28 years with the Indiana State Police, retiring in 1985 with the rank of squad sergeant. He also spent five years as an Indiana State Police District No. 22 firearms instructor.

Pattison recalled the time when state trooper Moran was in LaGrange County. He spotted smoke coming from a house. When he investigated he entered the house to find an invalid Amish woman. He carried her outside to safety and for many years after that the Amish family welcomed him into their home.

"The woman's husband called him their angel," said Pattison.

Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman worked closely with Mr. Moran when they were both in the state police.

"In law enforcement every day presents new challenges and Bob was a great mentor," said Leatherman. "You could ask for his input on something and expect a straight forward answer."

Leatherman considers Mr. Moran a role model for him during his career. "Bob Moran contributed in his own way to what I currently apply to leadership principles today," Leatherman said.

Mr. Moran was a member of the Pioneers of the Indiana State Police and the Indiana State Police Memorial Foundation.

He served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service during the Korean War from January 1952 to January 1956. He graduated from submarine school in New London, Conn., and served on the U.S.S. Trigger before his selection as a member of the original crew of the world's first atomic-powered submarine, the U.S.S. Nautilus.

He underwent extensive training for an atomic-powered submarine environment.

"It was quite an honor," said his wife, Fran.

He attended the University of Pittsburgh to study nuclear power and received further training in Blackfoot, Idaho, in preparation for the launch of the Nautilus.

After his service Mr. Moran and his wife attended Nautilus reunions and visited his old ship, now part of a naval museum in New London. He was a lifetime member of the Nautilus Alumni Association.

Mr. Moran was very proud of his three daughters and their accomplishments.

"As well as a highly commendable professional career, Bob shared with his wife a very successful domestic life," said his former pastor, the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker, now pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. "The home environment they created together effectively nurtured their three gifted daughters, the same strong resolve that each of the three has achieved in her life."

Barker especially enjoyed Mr. Moran's company.

"He was gregarious and gracious, and it was always a pleasure to greet Bob in a variety of venues," said Barker.

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Following his retirement from the state police, Mr. Moran worked as transportation and maintenance director for East Noble School Corp. for seven years and was a tool room manager for J.O. Mory for five years.

Retired East Noble assistant superintendent Doyle Igney said Mr. Moran was a perfect fit for the school position after his retirement from the state police because of his knowledge of school bus laws and regulations and years of working with people.

"Bob was a people person. His door was always open to his staff and parents. He took their concern or complaint seriously and sought an answer for them," said Igney.

His office staff knew it was spring because Mr. Moran brought them fresh asparagus from his garden.

"Bob was not one just to be content to do one thing," said Pattison. He was a licensed plumber and worked part-time in construction for Don Strater, Inc.

He was accomplished in woodworking and enjoyed working on antique cars and tractors, in his garden, fields and yard.

His church was a big part of his life. Mr. Moran was a youth group sponsor for eight years and trustee for six years at Trinity Church United Methodist.

Mr. Moran was a past vice commander and historian at the Kendallville American Legion Post 86 where he was a lifetime member. He was a 50-year member of Kendallville Masonic Lodge 276.

"Bob's life helps us see the care and love of God in many ways," said Pattison.

Robert Lyall Moran, 77, of Kendallville, died Friday, May 2, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 19, 1930, in Three Rivers, Mich., to E. Lyall and Vivian (Kramb) Moran. He graduated from Bristol High School in 1949, and married Frances Meitzler on Jan. 4, 1951, in First Methodist Church in Bristol. She survives in Kendallville.

Survivors also include three daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and David Hockley of Kendallville, Marsha and Raymond Bassett of Kendallville and Dr. Nancy and Norman Hockley of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and their spouses.

Mr. Moran is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Robert L. Moran is shown when he was with the U.S. Navy Submarine Service during the Korean War.

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Jason Comment

AUBURN — Jason W. Comment, 31, of Auburn died at 12:25 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Comment

He was a meter reader for the Auburn electric department for three years.

Mr. Comment was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett and the National Kidney Foundation.

He was born Jan. 7, 1977, in Auburn to Dave F. and Tanna M. (Hoover) Comment. They survive in Waterloo. He married LaVon M. Bartels on July 10, 1999, in Garrett. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are his parents-in-law, Merlin and Dawn Bartels of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Matt and Kristina Comment of Hamilton and David and Shannon Comment of Corunna; a sister, Hope Porter of Goshen; his grandmother, Dottie Arnott of Auburn; a grandfather, Darold Comment of Auburn and four nieces.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online and the online register book may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Johanna Cliche

MIDDLEBURY — Johanna L. Cliche, 72, of Middlebury died at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at a friend's home in Elkhart.

She was born June 2, 1935.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Robert Beuchel

LAGRANGE — Robert "Bobby" Leroy Beuchel, 66, of Howe died Thursday, May 15, 2008, at Heartland Hospice Home in Three Rivers, Mich.

Mr. Beuchel

He worked in the Auburn Foundry in Auburn before moving to Pinconning, Mich., in 1967. He worked at Magline Inc. in Pinconning and retired from Northern Tube Inc. in Pinconning after 30 years of service.

Mr. Beuchel enjoyed playing cards, especially Texas Hold'em, and playing dominos with his family and friends.

He was born Jan. 10, 1942, in Auburn to Robert George and Mary Katherine (Seigel) Beuchel. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a stepdaughter, Marie Childers of Romeo, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeanette (Beuchel) and Carl E. Bowers of Howe; three aunts; one uncle; two nieces and their husbands; a nephew; four great-nephews; eight great-nieces; two great-great nephews and two great-great nieces.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister, Barbara Ann Beuchel; a stepson, Jason Childers; a brother-in-law, Eugene M. Bowers and two nieces.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice Home in Three Rivers, Mich. or a charity of the donor's choice.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Ruth Gentry

HAMILTON — Ruth Mona Gentry, 77, of Hamilton died early Tuesday morning, May 13, 2008, at her residence.

She was bookkeeper with Yoder Ford in Garrett for 42 years.

In her youth, Mrs. Gentry played professional baseball for the St. Boniface Athletics in Canada. The Chicago Colleens drafted her in 1950. She played there for one year. She then played for the South Bend Blue Sox and the Battle Creek and Muskegon Belles. She was inducted into the American Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., in 1988. She was inducted into the Canadian Professional Baseball Hall of Fame June 4, 1998, and also the Manitoba Professional Baseball Hall of Fame. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club where she served as treasurer for over 30 years. She was a member of the Canadian Legion.

Mrs. Gentry

She was born Aug. 25, 1930, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, to Albert J. and Nellie M. (Walters) Middleton. She married Gerald "Jerry" Gentry on Oct. 13, 1972. He preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 1973.

Surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Albert R. Middleton of Alberta Beach, Alberta, Canada, and William C. and Mary Middleton of Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her best friend, Naomi "Sally" Meir.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory in Hamilton with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to Hamilton Fish & Game Club, the American Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

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Man's body found in landfill

BY WANDA YODER
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AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELKHART — The body of a Topeka man was found Saturday morning at the Earthmovers Landfill, located at 26488 C.R. 26, Elkhart.

According to the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department, the body of James H. Bradshaw Jr., 44, was found at 7:30 a.m. in the landfill.

"We believe that Mr. Bradshaw was staying with relatives in the city," said Sean Holmes, captain of the patrol division for the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department.

No weapons were found at the scene. An autopsy scheduled for later today is expected to shed light on how Bradshaw may have died, Holmes said.

Holmes said a number of trucks had been hauling in loads from trash bins before the body was found. Holmes said the body had not been compacted but did have some damage.

The case remains under investigation with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. Anyone who has any information is asked to contact the sheriff's department at 533-4151.

Donald Curtis

LAGRANGE — Donald "Pete" Curtis of LaGrange died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Laura DeMott

LAGRANGE — Laura R. DeMott, 44, of LaGrange died at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at her home.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Michael Howard

HOWE — Michael E. Howard, 18, of Howe died at 2:11 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Louis Swarm

BUTLER — Louis F. Swarm, 72, died Saturday, May 17, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Swarm was a retired farmer. He was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Mishawaka to Earnest and Alice (Auer) Swarm.

Surviving are a sister, Wilda J. Trojan of St. Joseph, Mich.; a nephew and nieces.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Cemetery in Woodland, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

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E. Bernadine Kennedy

WARSAW — E. Bernadine Kennedy, 92, of Flatwoods, Ky., and Warsaw died Friday, May 16, 2008, at Trinity Station in Flatwoods where she had been a resident. She had been in failing health for the past eight years.

Mrs. Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy was well-known in the Warsaw community for her civic work and involvement in her church. She was active in the organization of Presby Pre-School, was a longtime volunteer with Heartline Pregnancy Center, volunteered with Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, and was a member of Tri-Kappa Sorority. She was honored by Grace College on June 2, 1983.

She had been employed for many years at Sears Roebuck and Co.

She had lived in Wabash County until moving to Warsaw in 1961.

She was born in Dora in Wabash County on Sept. 21, 1915, to Belva (Stoops) and Halley Cain. She married DeVon M. Lee on April 21, 1935. She then married James Roser on Aug. 28, 1953, and he was killed in a traffic accident in 1958. She then married Byron C. Kennedy on Dec. 23, 1960, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosemary and Rudolph Finderson of LaGrange County and Jane Ann and Ghassan Hilal of Russell, Ky.; a son and daughter-in-law, DeVon "Dan" and Amanda Lee of Warsaw; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Titus Funeral Home in Warsaw. Private graveside services will be held at Fairview Cemetery in Servia.

Memorials are to Presby Pre-School, Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, or Heartline Pregnancy Center.

Maxine Hackett

LAGRANGE — Maxine R. Hackett, 92, of LaGrange and formerly of Howe died Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Hackett

Mrs. Hackett had owned Maxine's Beauty Salon in Howe.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Sylvan Chapter 251 OES, LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary and served as a volunteer at Vencor Hospital LaGrange.

She was born Jan. 30, 1916, in South Milford to Virgil R. and Ruth H. (Bassett) Holsinger. She married Maurice E. Hackett on July 15, 1967, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Jeff Cooper of Houston, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, George R. and Anne Griffith of Richmond; three stepdaughters, Joyce and James Fuzy of Indianapolis, Susie Elliott of Naperville, Ill., and Nancy and John Wean of Muncie; five stepsons, David Hackett of Lake Forest, Calif., Earl and Kathy Hackett of Howe, Thomas and Cindy Hackett of Middlebury, Edward and Linda Hackett of Kansas City, Mo., and Bill and Pam Hackett of LaGrange; 23 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph "Tunney" and Jean Holsinger of Howe; a sister-in-law, Janet Holsinger of Howe; and a brother-in-law, Alden Swenson of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Margaret Woodmansee, Marge Ray and Betty Swenson; a brother, Paul Holsinger; a stepson, James Hackett; and a grandson, Adam Gray.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will take place in Brighton Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home. An Order of the Eastern Star service will be held at the funeral home at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at furipmayfuneralhome.com.

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Rev. Steve Halsey

ALBION — The Rev. Steve Halsey, 50, died Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 8:45 p.m. following a year-long battle with leukemia.

The Rev. Halsey was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He was called into the ministry in 1979. He attended the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion for 12 years and was the caretaker of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Youth Camp in Albion for 13 years.

He had pastored a church in North Carolina before becoming associated with First Pentecostal Church in Fort Wayne where he was youth pastor for seven years and assistant pastor for three years.

He had also been employed at Guardian Industries in Ligonier for 15 years.

He enjoyed racing four-wheelers and was a member of the AMA. He participated in GNCC cross country racing.

He was born Nov. 22, 1957, to Elbert and Barbara (Logan) Halsey. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Albion. He married Kay Saylor on Aug. 9, 1975. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Shay and Jason Rowe of Garrett, Joshua and Sullena Halsey of Ligonier and Jeremy and Andrea Halsey of Albion; his grandchildren, Derrick Rowe, Alexius Halsey, Alexandria Rowe, Morgan Halsey, Olivia Halsey, Jeremy Halsey II and Ty and Cameron Halsey; and three sisters, Sherry and Ben Archer of Albion, Lisa and Casey Jones of Westmont, Ill., and Dawn and Devin Jones of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Halsey; his father-in-law, Jesse Saylor; and his mother-in-law, Thelma Saylor.

Celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Police Department K-9 Fund in memory of the Rev. Steve Halsey.

Dorothy Cole

ANGOLA — Dorothy Sara Cole, 82, of Angola died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cole was a homemaker. She was a member of Tri-State Baptist Church.

She was born Feb. 10, 1926, in Steuben County to Leonard and Edna (Rodgers) Petre. She married Ova Cole. He survives in Jonesville, Mich.

She is survived by a brother, Leonard L. Petre of Butler; five sisters, Lois Beevers of Edon, Ohio, Edna Brown of Angola, Zora Robinett of South Carolina, Emma L. Summy of Hamilton, and Katie A. Suddeth of Leonidas, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Art Bienz; a son, Michael Bienz; a sister, Doris Cummings; and a brother, Daniel Petre.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in South Scott Cemetery, with Pastor John Diller officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Johanna Cliché

MIDDLEBURY — Johanna L. (Horton) Cliché, 72, of Middlebury died at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at the home of a friend in Elkhart.

Mrs. Cliché had worked in advertising for AC Delco Spark Plug in Flint, Mich.

Mrs. Cliché

She was a 1953 graduate of Lapeer High School in Lapeer, Mich.

She was born June 2, 1935, in Lapeer, Mich., to O. Theron and Lola E. (Loomis) Horton. Her father is deceased and her mother, Lola E. Horton, survives in Middlebury. She married Leon J. Cliché on May 15, 1976. He also preceded her in death.

Also surviving are two sisters, Nancy and Darwin Coulter of Middlebury and Margaret and Michael Sims of Lapeer, Mich.; and a brother, John L. and Kathy Horton of Lapeer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Chesney VanDyke Jr.

BUTLER — Chesney M. VanDyke Jr., 65, died Saturday, May 17, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. VanDyke worked at the B.F. Goodrich Fort Wayne plant for 33 1/2 years, retiring in 2002. He served in the U.S. Army, spending his entire tour in Germany.

Mr. VanDyke Jr.

He was part of the chain gang for the Eastside High School football team for 10 years and was a big EHS sports fan. He was one of the founders of the Crime Watch program in St. Joe from 1990-1995, and he collected stamps and coins.

He was born Sept. 15, 1942, in Lima, Ohio, to Chesney M. VanDyke Sr. and Elsie (Boop) VanDyke.

He married Lorrinda P. Barber-Dillon on Nov. 9, 1963, in Meauwataka, Mich. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Chesney Dell and Tammi Jo VanDyke of Louisville, Ky., Anthony "Buddy" and Rochelle VanDyke of Auburn, Terry Allen VanDyke of Butler and John Jeffrey David and Shelly VanDyke of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy Louise and Victor Newman Jr.; 14 grandchildren, Alissa VanDyke, Chesney Dell VanDyke Jr., Cody Ward, Carissa Dennis, George Laney, Nick Laney, Taylor VanDyke, Jacob King, Gabrielle King, John Wayne VanDyke, Madison VanDyke, Myala VanDyke, Victoria Snow and Dustin Newman; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Nancy VanDyke of Lima, Ohio, and William and Pam VanDyke of Edgerton, Ind.; and two sisters, Melanie VanDyke of Spencerville and Cheryl Davidson of Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Military honors will be presented by the Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Yang Kim

AUBURN — Yang Im Kim, 77, of Auburn died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Kim was a homemaker. She was born Jan. 20, 1931, in South Korea.

Her husband, Ul Cho Kim, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son, Teac Yul Kim of Seoul, South Korea; one daughter and son-in-law, Nang W. and Joseph Stephens of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, Amanda K. Stephens, Melissa K. Stephens, Joseph F. Stephens Jr., Shawnee K. Stephens, Jin Hyung Kim, Soo Ee Kim, Soo Yeon Kim, Aa Young Kim, Ah Jung Kim, Eun Hye Kim, Do Hyung Kim; one great-grandchild; and two brothers.

She was preceded in death by one son, Teac Kun Kim.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling the arrangements.

Raymond Pickell

ALBION — Raymond A. Pickell, 68, of Albion died Thursday, May 8, 2008, in Brookville, Fla.

Mr. Pickell was the former Albion postmaster.

He had moved to Albion 20 years ago from New Haven.

Mr. Pickell was a member of the National Association of Retired Postmasters.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He was born Sept.. 2, 1939, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Louis and Rose (Marchitello) Fischetti. He married Barbara Ann Smith on <ay 19, 1962. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Denise Gwaltney of Fischers and Jackie and Steve Bushong of Albion; two brothers, Daniel and Pat Pickell of Snow Camp, N.C., and Kenneth Pickell of Granger; a sister, Ethel "Peaches" Johnson of Angier; and six grandchildren, Zachary, Joshua and Cassianne Gwaltney, Diana and Natalie Bushong, and Aaron Cooper.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion with Father Dale Bauman officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to a hospice of the donor's choice.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Car crushes teen in Howe

TEEN: *Attempts to revive Howard were unsuccessful*

BY WANDA YODER
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HOWE — A Howe teen died Saturday afternoon after the vehicle he was working on collapsed on his chest.

Michael E. Howard, 18, a junior at Lakeland High School, was transported to Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange where he was pronounced dead as a result of the injuries. The death has been ruled accidental, according to the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department.

Lakeland High School has made counselors available to students who are being affected by Howard's death.

"We had counselors at Lakeland and from other schools in the corporation Monday to speak with the students. They are still in position so the students have access," according to assistant principal James Blake.

"He was really a good kid and had a lot of friends," Blake said of Howard. "Services are scheduled at the end of the school day, so many of the students will be able attend the funeral today."

Lakeland High School secretary Teri Mitzner remembered Howard as being "very friendly and always smiling. Michael was always respectful to adults. Very charming. It is very sad."

Sheriff's officers responded to the call at approximately 1:17 p.m. Officers said Howard was working on his car between 12:45 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. in the driveway of his home in the 300 block of East C.R. 700N, Howe, when the vehicle for unknown reasons fell onto his chest, rendering him unconscious.

According to witnesses, the vehicle was being supported by a scissors-style jack and some small blocks of wood. The front right wheel of the vehicle was removed at the time of the incident. Howard's mother and some neighbors moved the vehicle off of Howard prior to the arrival of first responders and police arrival.

Several attempts to revive Howard by members of the Howe Fire Department first responders and the LaGrange County EMS were unsuccessful.

Howard

Michael Howard

HOWE — Michael E. Howard, 18, of Howe died Saturday, May 18, 2008, at his home from injuries he received while working on his automobile.

Mr. Howard

He was a junior at Lakeland High School.

He was employed at Pizza Hut in Sturgis, Mich., and he enjoyed fishing.

He was born Sept. 23, 1989, in Deming, N.M., to James D. and Virginia (King) Howard.

Surviving are his mother, Virginia King of Howe; his father, James Howard of McCook, Neb.; a brother, Nicholas Howard of McCook; and his grandparents, John and Nelda Goetz of Deming, N.M., and Lula Jones of Michigan.

Services will be at 6 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook, Neb.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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LaGrange businessman, public servant Donald Curtis, 80, dies

LAGRANGE — Donald D. "Pete" Curtis, 80, of LaGrange died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Curtis was a lifetime LaGrange resident and the 2005 LaGrange Citizen of the Year.

He served the LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department for more than 30 years as secretary, captain, assistant chief and as fire chief for 14 years. Under his leadership, numerous improvements were made to the fire department, including new equipment and training.

Mr. Curtis also served as LaGrange County commissioner for 12 years from 1981-1993 and spearheaded efforts to implement the Emergency 911 telephone system, improve and expand the EMT ambulance service and EMT training, and to install and maintain a helicopter landing pad at the LaGrange hospital.

During his years of service as commissioner, he also undertook and completed major projects that included substantial renovations to the LaGrange County Courthouse, construction of the County Office Building and county highway buildings.

Mr. Curtis

Mr. Curtis and his family have operated a business in LaGrange for three generations, Curtis Wrecking, which started with his father and now is operated by his son.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange and LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Mr. Curtis was a World War II U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

He was born Aug. 13, 1927, in LaGrange to Clarence S. and Florence E. (Stevens) Curtis. He married Mildred J. Gitt on Nov. 25, 1946, in LaGrange. Mrs. Curtis survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter Kathleen Curtis of Indianapolis; three sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip and Barbara Curtis of Howe and Stephen and Sandra Curtis and Kem and Gail Curtis, all of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Donna Sturgis of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Gitt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Deacon George Douglass officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange with a military graveside services by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

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Steven E. Halsey

Nov. 22,1957 – May 17, 2008

ALBION — Rev. Steve Halsey went to be with the Lord on May 17, 2008 at 8:45 p.m. after being treated for Leukemia for 1 year. Steve was a lifetime resident of Noble Co., IN.

Born to Elbert J. Halsey and Barbara A. (Logan) Halsey on Nov. 22, 1957. Married to Kay (Saylor) Halsey on August 9, 1975. The father of Shay (Halsey) Rowe and Jason Rowe of Garrett, IN; Joshua Halsey and Sullena (Yenna) Halsey of Ligonier, IN; and Jeremy Halsey and Andrea (Parrish) Halsey of Albion, IN. PawPaw to Derrick Rowe, Alexius Halsey, Alexandria Rowe, Morgan Halsey, Olivia Halsey, Jeremy Halsey II, and Ty and Cameron Halsey. Three sisters Sherry (Ben) Archer, Albion; Lisa (Casey) Jones, Westmont, IL; Dawn (Kevin) Jones, Albion, IN. His mother Barbara A. (Logan) Halsey survives in Albion.

He was preceded in death by a brother Kevin Halsey, his father Elbert J. Halsey, his father-in-law Jesse A. Saylor, and his mother-in-law Thelma R. Saylor.

Steven was called into the ministry in 1979. He attended the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion, IN for 12 years and was the caretaker of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Youth Camp in Albion, IN for 13 years. He pastored a church in N.C. before he started attending church at First Pentecostal Church in Ft. Wayne, IN. He was the Youth Pastor at First Pentecostal Church for 7 years. He then went on to become the Assistant Pastor for 3 years. He was an employee of Guardian Industries in Ligonier, IN for 15 years.

His goal in life was to be the best at everything he did, from raising his children, to loving his grandchildren and to winning souls to the Lord by the LOVE and COMPASSION he showed to everyone he came in contact with.

He had a passion for racing 4-wheelers. He was a member of the AMA and District 15. Also an avid participant in the GNCC cross country racing.

Steve never wanted a funeral, but a celebration of his life. He lived a life to be celebrated. Bright and festive colors are appropriate for the days celebrating his life.

Calling and Services will be at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, IN. Calling on Wed. 2-4 & 6-8. Service at 1:00 on Thu. Calling 1 hr prior to service.

Final resting place will be Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, IN. All donations are to go to Ligonier Police K-9 Fund in honor of Rev. Steve Halsey.

Paid at the request of the family.

James Bradshaw Jr.

GOSHEN — James H. Bradshaw Jr., 44, of Topeka died Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Mr. Bradshaw had lived most of his life in the Goshen and Topeka areas.

He attended Goshen Public Schools and received his G.E.D. from Goshen High School.

He was born on April 14, 1964, in Columbus, Ohio, to James H. Sr. and Alice P. (Swartz) Bradshaw. He married Sheila D. (Johnson) Love on Aug. 18, 2001, in Goshen. She survives in Topeka.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Hollie Johnson of Cassopolis, Mich.; two stepsons, Joshua Johnson and Benjamin Johnson, both of Topeka; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Florence and Timothy Barry of Milford and Cheryl and William Shively of Syracuse; and a brother and sister-in-law, Darcy and Cindy Bradshaw of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Bradshaw.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Goshen with the Rev. Dean Anglemyer of the New Life Church in Nappanee officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Memorials are to the James H. Bradshaw Jr. Memorial Fund for funeral expenses c/o Owen Family Funeral Home.

Send condolences to the family at owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Wendell McCollough

COLDWATER, Mich. — Wendell F. McCollough, 81, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, May 16, 2008, at his home.

Mr. McCollough operated the McCollough Brothers farm for many years. The farm included an apple orchard, vegetables and honey, and also produced milk.

He was an elder at the Coldwater congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He had been ministering at the Kingdom Hall and house to house since 1941. He graduated from Coldwater High School in 1945 and attended Michigan State University.

He was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Paul and Francis Elenora (Worthington) McCollough. He married Esther Lawton Petch in 1966. She died on June 21, 2007.

He is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Maurice and Connie McCollough of Coldwater; an uncle, Kenneth Cranson of Bronson, Mich.; a stepson and spouse, William and Mary Petch of Coldwater; a stepdaughter and spouse, Geneiveve and David Jennings of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three sisters-in-law, Gertrude Stayner, Arlene Munger and Virginia Lawton, all of Coldwater; a brother-in-law and his spouse, Robert and Mary Lawton of Coldwater; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and a stepdaughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater, with the Rev. Dennis Seigrist officiating. Burial will be in Sorter Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

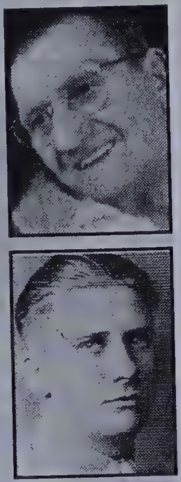
Memorials are to the American Diabetes association or the Coldwater congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Oscar Busche

ALBION — Oscar Herman Busche, 89, of Albion died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Busche had lived in the Albion area since the mid-1950s and currently resided with his wife at North Ridge Village Retirement Center in Albion.

Mr. Busche had a 40-year career as a long haul semi driver. He drove throughout the United States, only missing Maine out of the lower 48 states. He was a 30-year retired member of the Teamsters Local 414 out of Fort Wayne.



Mr. Busche

He owned a vehicle repair service in the Ligonier area from 1959-1962 and operated a dairy farm in the Albion area until the mid-1970s.

Mr. Busche enlisted as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at the age of 17 and in 1940 he joined the Army, serving in the South Pacific as a member of the highly skilled Bush Master Unit.

In his formative years he attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed attending auctions, collecting tools and reconditioning tractors and trucks. He refurbished old pool tables to like-new condition.

Mr. Busche was a member of the American Legion, Teamsters Local 414 and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born May 8, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Fred and Marie (Roush) Busche of Fort Wayne. He married Adeline Matilda Speakman on Feb. 11, 1946. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dwight and Phyllis Busche, Nick and Lori Busche and Jerry Busche, all of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Tim Mock of Pierceton; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Arthur Busche of Spencerville and Frederick Busche of Fort Wayne; a sister, Martha Essex of Columbia City; and a half brother, Don Amstutz of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by a son, Oscar Herman "Hermie" Busche; two sisters, Helen and Mildred; three brothers, Freeman Bushe Sr., Al Busche and Kenneth Busche; and a grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Legion or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Betty Hart

LIGONIER — Betty Lou Hart, 81, of Ligonier died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Greencroft Healthcare Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Hart

Mrs. Hart was a lifetime area resident.

She had worked at Wirk Garment Co. and Sorg Paper Products in Ligonier.

She was born Sept. 15, 1926, in Pierceton to Isaac and Wava (Howell) Witmer. She married Lloyd L. Hart on Nov. 9, 1946. He died in 1999.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Retha and Stanley Barrick of Elkhart; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Emmajean Line.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, with Pastor Vince Wilcynski officiating. Burial will be at North Webster Cemetery, Mock Addition.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association

Juanita Shaffer

FREMONT — Juanita M. Shaffer, 82, of Fremont died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shaffer was a homemaker. She was a 1944 graduate of Fremont High School.

She was born March 1, 1926, in Midland, Mich., to Ross and Eva (Hutchins) Gripman. She married Roy Shaffer in 1946 in Reading, Mich. He died Oct. 2, 1986.

She is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Michael Bock of Snow Lake, Barbara and Robert McKinley of Chippewa Falls, Wis., and Cheryl and Steve Shirk of Hudson, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Deborah Shaffer; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dean Whitney of Tennessee.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Dodge, one sister, and two brothers.

Private graveside services will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Lois Thilman

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Lois Thilman, 78, of Ann Arbor and formerly of Stroh died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008, at Bottsworth Commons at Farmington Hills, Mich.

Mrs. Thilman was a 1947 graduate of Salem Center High School and graduated from the University of Michigan when she was in her 40s.

Mrs. Thilman was a Realtor.

She helped found the Corvilla Home for the Mentally Disabled in South Bend.

She was born Sept. 14, 1929, in Knott County, Ky., to the Rev. Irvin and Elsie Coburn. Her father founded the Stroh United Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Thilman of San Francisco, Calif., and Janet Cobb and Jennifer Thilman, both of Ypsilanti, Mich.; two sisters, Ruby and Bill Sizemore of Saint David, Ariz., and Mabel and Randolph Wicker of Moore, S.C.; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services for Mrs. Thilman and her son, Jeffery Thilman who died in July 2007, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Five Corners Baptist Church on S.R. 9 north of Wolcottville. Her cremains will be buried in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Memorials are to the Corvilla Home for the Mentally Disabled in South Bend. For information on donating, call (574) 289-9779 or visit coraville.org.

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Police awaiting autopsy report

BY WANDA YODER
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ELKHART — Investigators with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department are awaiting findings of an autopsy on a former Topeka resident found in an Elkhart landfill Saturday morning.

According to Capt. Sean Holmes of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department patrol division, the body of James H. Bradshaw Jr., 44, was found at 7:30 a.m. in the Earthmovers Landfill, located at 26488 C.R. 26, Elkhart.

"An autopsy was completed (Tuesday) on James Bradshaw. The Elkhart County Sheriff's Department is currently conferring with the pathologist as to the results of the autopsy. Once the results have been confirmed we will issue a press release as to what hose results revealed about this investigation," Holmes said.

Police said Monday they believed Bradshaw was staying with relatives in the city. No weapons were found at the scene.

Holmes said a number of trucks had been hauling in loads from trash bins before the body was found. The body had not been compacted but did have some damage.

Anyone who has any information is asked to contact the Sheriff's Department at (574) 533-4151.

R. June Ely

AVILLA — R. June Ely, 81, of Avondale, Ariz., and formerly of Avilla and LaOtto died Saturday, May 17, 2008, in Avondale.

Mrs. Ely was a homemaker.

She enjoyed NASCAR and wintering in Daytona Beach, Fla.

She was born June 8, 1926, in Hammond to Fred and Clara (Seebauer) Rowe.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Brenda Myers of Avondale; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mike Amstutz of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sue and Larry Montgomery of Butler; two stepsons and their wives, Larry and Marie Ely of New Haven and Rick and Lisa Ely of Avilla; nine grandchildren, Brent Myers, Lishia Binkley, Nikki Hitchcock, Laura Surface, Julie Hess, Debra Amstutz, Mike Amstutz, Joseph Amstutz and Catlin Amstutz; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Eugene Myers on Feb. 3, 1973, and Harold "Barney" Ely in 2004; three brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Joel Surface officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Valley.

Walter Heller

HAMILTON — Walter A. Heller, 84, of Hamilton died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 4:10 a.m. at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where he was a resident.

Mr. Heller was employed by Northwest Materials and then with Brooks Construction as superintendent of the Asphalt Division. He served on the Hamilton Town Board and Hamilton Fire Department. He then spent nearly 10 years in Florida, where served on the San Carlos Fire Department. He returned to Hamilton in his retirement.

He was born July 15, 1923, in Richland Township to Owen and Elsie (Schoonover) Heller.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Charles Hurraw of Hamilton and Denise and Mitchell Buell of Angola; four sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Barb Heller of Auburn, Steve and Deb Heller of Grabill, Ron and Candy Heller of Hamilton and Dave Heller and Annette Sutton of Angola; 22 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Eleanor Fox and Diane Best, both of Edon, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Emmett Heller; a daughter, Barbara JoEllen Heller; and one grandson, Brian Heller.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton, with Pastor Donna Holcomb of the Alvarado United Methodist Church officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

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Robert McKinnis

FORT WAYNE — Robert "Mac" McKinnis, 82, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McKinnis was the body shop manager with Kelley Chevrolet for 20 years, retiring in 1990. He was also the former owner of United Auto Parts.

Mr. McKinnis

He was a World War II Navy pilot.

Mr. McKinnis was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and Elks Lodge, all in Kendallville, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, and the Mizpah Shrine. He was also a member of the Carroll High School Booster Club.

A native of Evansville, he was a graduate of Evansville Central High School and Indiana University where he was a member of Acacia Fraternity. He played on the basketball team at Indiana University for Branch McCracken.

He attended First Baptist Church in Evansville where he was a member of the AGOGA Bible Class, and Trinity United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kaye and Michael James of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Christina McKinnis of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Alyce Sanders and Nell and Daniel Ernspiger, all of Evansville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Barbara McKinnis of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Catherine McKinnis in 2006; three brothers, Lawrence, Zeitz and John McKinnis; two sisters, Emma Timmel Kohl and Jean Lemcke; and his companion, Shirley V. Elliott.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road with the Rev. Stephen Cain officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to McCracken Basketball, 202 Timberlake Trail, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

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Max Rice

BENTON, La. — Max E. Rice, 79, died Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Bossier City, Ala.

Mr. Rice was born in Fremont and lived in Benton, La. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Benton and a retired carpenter. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are his wife of 12 years, Jean Peevy Rice of Benton; two daughters and son-in-law, Cynthia McCartney of Bossier City, La., and Kathy and Gary Barnes of Benton; two stepsons, Mike Peevy of Bossier City and Larry Peevy and his wife, Melody, of Dallas; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Ellen McNutt of Auburn and Barbara and John Poffenberger of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Zane Rice of Bluefield, Va.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His first wife, Bonnie Rice, and his parents, Albert and Lola Rice, preceded him in death.

Burial was in Rose-Neath Cemetery at Bossier City.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Carline Manson

BRYAN, Ohio — Carline Manson, 71, of Bryan, Ohio, died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan.

Mrs. Manson worked as a molding operator at Bryan Custom Plastics for 25 years. Following her retirement, she owned and operated East High Ceramics in Bryan.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1937, in Edward Station, Ky. She married Carl J. Manson on Dec. 17, 1954, in Longview, Wash. He survives.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Carl R. and Mary Manson of Wauseon, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Daphne and Steve Cox of Hamilton Lake; six grandchildren, Chase and Garret Roan, Carter Cox, Jessica and Matthew Manson, and Amanda Waldfogel; one great-grandchild, Korbin G. Roan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Kent Shorthill, of Vancouver, Wash., and Marvine and Don Day, of Longview, and a brother, Steve Gourley, of Milton, Wash.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Tammy Rene Manson.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan, with the Rev. Ron Garner officiating.

Visitation will be in the Krill Funeral Home in Bryan from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Cancer Assistance of Williams County.

Condolences may be sent to krillfuneralservice.com.

Laura DeMott

LAGRANGE — Laura R. DeMott, 43, of LaGrange died at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at her home.

She was a homemaker and attended the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Laura DeMott

She was born Jan. 23, 1965, in Wantagh, N.Y., to Kenneth and Patricia (Koerner) DeMott. They survive in California.

Also surviving are two sons, Andrew E. Rofanelli at home and Eugene F. Tofanelli of LaGrange; a daughter, Angela A. Tofanelli of LaGrange; and a brother, David DeMott of California.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Harold and Emma DeMott and Curtis and Josephine Koerner.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Edward Proksa

AUBURN — Edward J. Proksa, 86, of Auburn died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Proksa was an agent distributor for Mobil Oil for 38 years, retiring in 1977. He was a U.S. Navy pilot serving 24 years of active duty, including during World War II, and reserve duty, retiring in 1977 with the rank of lieutenant commander. He was a past president of the DeKalb County Aviation Board, serving on that board for 24 years.

Mr. Proksa

He was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Auburn; a past president of Auburn Jaycees and Auburn Rotary Club; a member of Hoosier Warbirds; a 50-year member of both American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and DeKalb Lodge No. 214 F&AM; and a member of Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and the Flying Shriners.

He was a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital board. He served for eight years on the Auburn City Council and was on the Board of Public Works and Safety and police commissioner.

He traveled in his motor home and belonged to various motor home groups, including FMCA.

He was born May 29, 1921, in Chicago to Joseph and Katherine (Surin) Proksa.

He married Martha Jane Hendricks on Feb. 24, 1962, in Fort Wayne. She died Jan. 9, 1988.

He then married Raynell (Sayre) Sibery on July 27, 1990, at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters, Patricia S. Schomaker of Bay City, Mich., Mary Lou Forrester of Deming, N.M., Leslie A. Proksa of Indianapolis, Laura J. DeWitt of Fort Wayne, Betty A. Rugman of Camden, S.C., Susan L. Meyers of Waterloo and Shawn Fender of Auburn; two stepsons, Ross Sibery of Leesburg and Rod Sibery of Fort Wayne; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alexis Sibery, and a brother, George Proksa.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn. Dr. Robert Craig will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. American Legion Post 97 of Auburn will conduct graveside military honors.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A Masonic service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to his church or to DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

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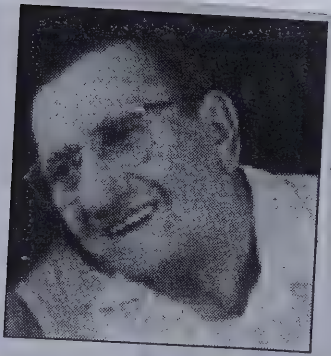


Oscar Herman Busche, 89

ALBION: Oscar Herman Busche, 89, of Albion died early Monday, May 19, 2008 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Oscar, enlisted as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp (C.C.C.) at the age of 17 and in 1940 he joined the Army, serving in the South Pacific as member of the Bush Master Unit. This was a highly skilled unit of which Oscar was proud to be a part of as a World War II Combat Veteran. Upon his return, he began a 40 year career as a long haul semi driver with favorite destinations in California and Texas. Oscar drove thru out the United States, only missing Maine out of the lower 48 states. He was a 30 year retired member of the Teamster Local 414 out of Fort Wayne. Oscar owned a mechanics garage in the Ligonier area 1959 - 1962 and operated a dairy farm in the Albion area until the mid-seventies.

Oscar Herman was born May 8, 1919 as one of nine children of Fred Busche and Marie (Roush) Busche of Fort Wayne. Surviving brothers: Arthur of Spencerville; Frederick of Fort Wayne; and one sister Martha Essex of Columbia City along with one half brother Don Amstutz residing in New Haven. In his formative years, Oscar attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School, in Ft. Wayne.

Upon his return from the war, Oscar married Adeline Matilda Speakman on February 11, 1946. They moved to the Albion area in the mid fifties. Recently Oscar and Matilda have been living at North Ridge Village Retirement Center in Albion.

Surviving is his wife: Adeline Matilda, three sons: Dwight A. (Phyllis) Busche, Nick A. (Lori) Busche, and Jerry A. Busche all of Albion; a daughter: Diane (Tim) Mock of Pierceton, Indiana; ten grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Oscar is preceded in death by his son, Oscar Herman "Hermie" and his sisters Helen, Mildred and his brothers Freeman Senior, Al, Kenneth and one grandson.

Some of Oscar's favorite activities included auctions, collecting tools and the reconditioning of tractors and trucks. He had a knack for refurbishing old pool tables to like new condition, and enjoyed socializing with family, friends and neighbors.

Membership: American Legion, Teamsters Local 414 and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Services will be at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion, Indiana.

Viewing Thursday, May 22, 2008 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM and Friday, May 23, 2008 from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Services will be Saturday, May 24th at Brazzell Funeral Home at 10:00 AM. With the burial at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion immediately following the services.

Memorials are to the American Legion and Alzheimer's Association.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 21, 2008, Wednesday

Terry W. Fogleson

AVILLA - Terry W. Fogleson, 42, of Avilla, died on Monday, May 12th, 2008 at 6:00 A.M. at his residence due to complications from a recent surgery.

Terry was born on December 4, 1965 in Fort Wayne to Edwin G. and Kay (Huth) Fogelson - Shoemaker.

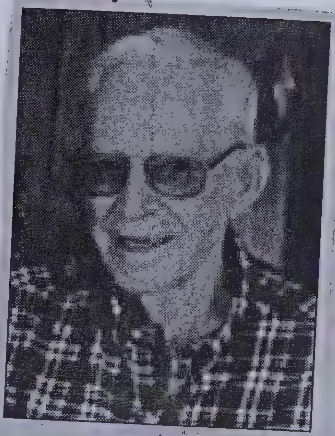
Terry is survived by his mother Kay Shoemaker of Avilla, twin brother Tracey Fogleson of Avilla; two sisters and brother-in-laws, Sandra (Robert) Dean of Kendallville and Barbara (Don) Nagler of Angola; one nephew Robert Dean of Kendallville; one niece Kay Kimmell of Kendallville; one great nephew Gabriel Oakes of Avilla; one great niece Samantha Oakes of Kendallville; Aunts and Uncles Junior and Joan Huth of Florida. Richard, Sue, Ervin and Barb Huth all of Wolcottville, Barbara and Maynard Dressler of New Haven and Terry and Mary Shoemaker of Ft. Wayne. And many other cousins and friends.

Terry was proceeded in death by his father Edwin Fogelson on 12/31/1969 and his step father Charles Shoemaker on 03/10/2003; a step-brother Steve Shoemaker in 1989, and his grandparents, Alfred and Brenda Huth, Clell and Vera Fogleson, Irvin and Carma Shoemaker.

Terry was involved in RC racing at Stateline RC Raceway in Fremont, NASCAR fan, was an avid fisherman being a past member of the Kendallville Bass Masters & Northeastern Indiana Bass Masters. Terry also enjoyed hunting and spending time with his labs Max and Dale.

Services were May,16, 2008 at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry R. Williams will officiate. Burial will follow later at the Waynedale Cemetery in Ft. Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the family in lieu of flowers.



Warren R. Lopshire, 91

Warren R. Lopshire, 91, a resident of Churubusco and formerly of Allen County, died at 2:10 p. m. on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at The Oaks in Columbia City. He had been a patient there for the past four months.

Mr. Lopshire was born in Wayne Township in Allen County on October 30, 1916, a son of G. Herbert and Zetta (Robinson) Lopshire. He spent his formative years in Lafayette Township in Allen County, and graduated from Lafayette Central High School in 1934.

On October 14, 1939 he was married in Allen County to Etta I. Johnson, and lived all of his married life in Allen County until moving to Churubusco from Marion Township in 1984. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator for the Allen County Highway Department for 20 years, retiring from there in 1981. He was also engaged in farming in Allen County prior to his retirement.

He had previously served as the Lafayette Township Trustee, and was an avid fisherman.

The surviving relatives include his wife Etta, to whom he was married for over 68 years; his children Gene M. (Sharon) Lopshire of Avilla, Warren Lynn "Buck" (Marge) Lopshire of Albion, and Lonnie Lopshire of Salt Lake City; his sister Verne (Charles) Rosenthal of Salt Lake City; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 20, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Whitley County EMS Medic 21.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Lopshire's memory, visit www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 21, 2008, Wednesday

Rev. Steven E. Halsey, 50

ALBION - Rev. Steven Halsey, age 50, went to be with the Lord on May 17, 2008 at 8:45 pm after being treated for Leukemia for 1 year. Steve was a lifetime resident of Noble County, IN.

Born to Elbert J. and Barbara A. (Logan) Halsey on Nov. 22, 1957. His mother survives.

He was married to Kay (SAYLOR) Halsey on August 9, 1975. She survives in Albion.

He was the father of daughter, Shay (Jason) Rowe of Garrett, IN; son, Jeremy (Andrea' Parrish) Halsey of Albion; PawPaw to Derrick Rowe, Alexius Halsey, Alexandria Rowe, Morgan Halsey, Olivia Halsey, Jeremy Halsey II, Ty and Cameron Halsey; also surviving members of Steve's family are three sisters, Sherry (Ben) Archer of Albion, Lisa (Casey) Jones of Westmont, IL, and Dawn (Kevin) Jones of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a brother Kevin Halsey, his father Elbert J. Halsey, his father-in-law Jesse A. Saylor, and his mother-in-law Thelma R. Saylor.

Steve was called into the ministry in 1979. He attended the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion for 12 years and was the caretaker of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Youth Camp in Albion for 13 years. He pastored a church in N.C. before he started attending church at First Pentecostal Church in Ft. Wayne, IN. He was the Youth Pastor at First Pentecostal Church for 7 years. He then went on to become the Assistant Pastor for 3 years. He was an employee of Guardian Industries in Ligonier for 15 years.

His goal in life was to be the best at everything he did, from raising his children, to loving his grandchildren and to winning souls to the Lord by the LOVE AND COMPASSION he showed to everyone he came in contact with.

He had a passion for racing 4-wheelers. He was a member of the AMA and District 15. Also an avid participant in the GNCC cross country racing.

Steve never wanted a funeral, but a celebration of his life. He lived a life to be celebrated. Bright and festive colors are appropriate for the days celebrating his life.

Calling and services will be at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel. Calling will be on Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8. Service at 1:00 pm Thursday with calling 1 hour prior to service.

Final resting palace will be rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

All donations are to go to Ligonier Police K-9 Fund in honor of Rev. Steve Halsey.

Raymond A. Pickell, 68

ALBION - Raymond A. Pickell, age 68, died in Brookville, FL on May 8, 2008.

He was born the son of Louis and Rose (Marchitello) Fischetti in Brooklyn, NY on Sept. 2, 1939.

He married Barbara Ann Smith on May 19, 1962, she survives.

Mr. Pickell was the former Postmaster in Albion. He lived 20 years in Albion after moving here from New Haven, IN.

He was a member of the National Association of retired Postmasters and a veteran of the U.S.M.C.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Surviving members of Raymond's family are: his wife Barbara; two daughters, Denise Gwaltney of Fishers, IN and Jackie (Steve) Bushong of Albion; six grandchildren, Zachary, Joshua, and Cassianne Gwaltney, Diana and Natalie Bushong and Aaron Cooper; two brothers, Daniel, (Pat) Pickell of Snow Camp, NC and Kenneth Pickell of Granger, IN; one sister, Ethel "Peaches" Johnson of Angier, IN.

Services will be held Thursday, May 22, 2008 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion, Father Dale Bauman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the church.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Preferred memorials to your local hospice.

Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel in charge of local arrangements.

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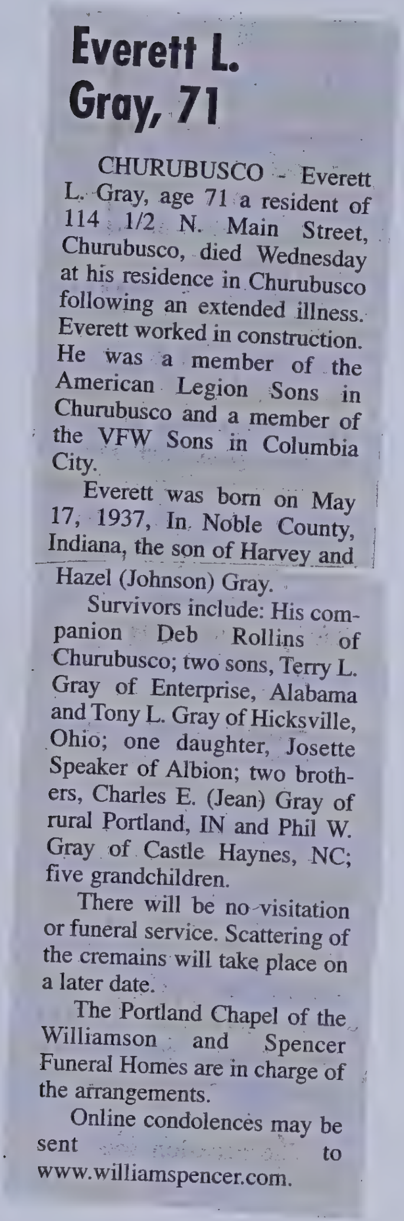


Everett L. Gray, 71

CHURUBUSCO - Everett L. Gray, age 71 a resident of 114 1/2 N. Main Street, Churubusco, died Wednesday at his residence in Churubusco following an extended illness. Everett worked in construction. He was a member of the American Legion Sons in Churubusco and a member of the VFW Sons in Columbia City.

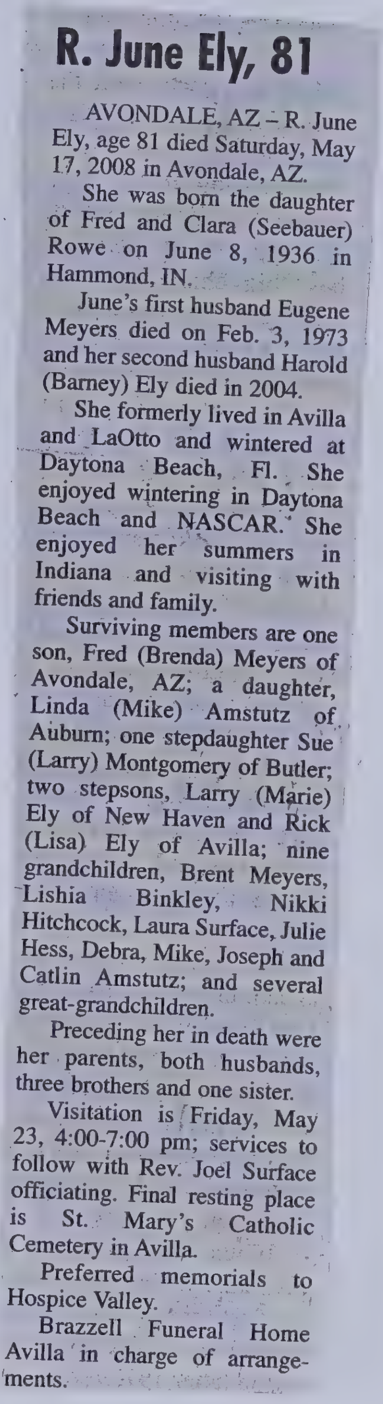
Everett was born on May 17, 1937, In Noble County, Indiana, the son of Harvey and Hazel (Johnson) Gray.

Survivors include: His companion Deb Rollins of Churubusco; two sons, Terry L. Gray of Enterprise, Alabama and Tony L. Gray of Hicksville, Ohio; one daughter, Josette Speaker of Albion; two brothers, Charles E. (Jean) Gray of rural Portland, IN and Phil W. Gray of Castle Haynes, NC; five grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or funeral service. Scattering of the cremains will take place on a later date.

The Portland Chapel of the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Homes are in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.williamspencer.com.



R. June Ely, 81

AVONDALE, AZ – R. June Ely, age 81 died Saturday, May 17, 2008 in Avondale, AZ.

She was born the daughter of Fred and Clara (Seebauer) Rowe on June 8, 1936 in Hammond, IN.

June's first husband Eugene Meyers died on Feb. 3, 1973 and her second husband Harold (Barney) Ely died in 2004.

She formerly lived in Avilla and LaOtto and wintered at Daytona Beach, Fl. She enjoyed wintering in Daytona Beach and NASCAR. She enjoyed her summers in Indiana and visiting with friends and family.

Surviving members are one son, Fred (Brenda) Meyers of Avondale, AZ; a daughter, Linda (Mike) Amstutz of Auburn; one stepdaughter Sue (Larry) Montgomery of Butler; two stepsons, Larry (Marie) Ely of New Haven and Rick (Lisa) Ely of Avilla; nine grandchildren, Brent Meyers, Lishia Binkley, Nikki Hitchcock, Laura Surface, Julie Hess, Debra, Mike, Joseph and Catlin Amstutz; and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, both husbands, three brothers and one sister.

Visitation is Friday, May 23, 4:00-7:00 pm; services to follow with Rev. Joel Surface officiating. Final resting place is St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred memorials to Hospice Valley.

Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 22, 2008, Thursday

Ruth Slone

HOWE — Ruth Y. Slone, 69, of Howe died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Slone had lived in LaGrange County since 1972 when she moved here from Illinois.

Mrs. Slone

She was a homemaker and a foster mother for more than 30 years.

Mrs. Slone was born on April 20, 1939, in Lackey, Ky., to Buddy and Lona (Tuttle) Hall. She married Monroe Slone Jr. on Dec. 28, 1957, in Martin, Ky. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Richard Muntz of LaGrange; a son, Larry Slone of Shipshewana; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two sisters, Lottie Hall and Brenda Owens both of Howe.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

A celebration of life service will begin at noon Monday at the Reed Mishler residence, 0550 W. C.R. 700N, Howe.

Memorials are to the Ruth Slone Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Richard Muntz, attorney at law, P.O. Box 39, LaGrange, IN 46761.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lucille Frasure

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Lucille Frasure, 58, of Lexington, Ky., and formerly of LaGrange County died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

Mrs. Frasure had lived most of her life in LaGrange County until moving to Lexington earlier this year.

She was a retired waitress and had worked at Frontier Land Restaurant in LaGrange and Kelly's Restaurant and Town Square Restaurant, both in Howe.

She was born June 16, 1949, in Beaver, Ky., to Charlie and Alma Doris (Kaiser) Newsome. She married Danny Frasure on July 9, 1966, in Clintwood, Va. He survives in Lexington.

Also surviving are her mother, Alma Doris Newsome of Beaver, Ky.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry Lynn Frasure of LaGrange and Carisa and Jim Kelsey of Lexington; two grandchildren; and a sister, Vivanna Tackett of Teaberry, Ky.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Denney officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Community Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Lamont

LIGONIER — Virgina Mae Lamont, 87, of Ligonier died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at the Chandler House in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lamont was a longtime part owner of the Food Town Grocery Store in Ligonier.

She enjoyed playing bridge, golfing, knitting, traveling and IU basketball.

Mrs. Lamont was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Ligonier Historical Society.

She was born May 18, 1921, in Knox to Le Roy and Evelyn (Cooper) Kellam. In 1945, she married her first husband, Jim Jarman, and he died in February 1969. She then married Ed Lamont and he also preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Beth Skaggs of Syracuse and Peg and Dennis Conrad of Columbia City; and three grandson, Ryan Skaggs, Trent Conrad and Tim Conrad.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Adam James Skaggs; and a brother, Don Kellam.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lucille Raines Residence or Riley Children's Hospital.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 22, 2008, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Laura DeMott

LAGRANGE — Laura R. DeMott, 43, of LaGrange died at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at her home.

She was a homemaker and attended the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Mrs. DeMott

She was born Jan. 23, 1965, in Wantagh, N.Y., to Kenneth and Patricia (Koerner) DeMott. They survive in California.

Also surviving are two sons, Andrew E. Tofanelli at home and Eugene F. Tofanelli of LaGrange; a daughter, Angela A. Tofanelli of LaGrange; and a brother, David DeMott of California.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Harold and Emma DeMott and Curtis and Josephine Koerner.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Mattie Mishler

LAGRANGE — Mattie J. (Lambright) Mishler, 86, of LaGrange died at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at her home. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Mishler was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 31, 1921, in Nappanee to Jacob B. and Elizabeth (Kuhns) Lambright. She married Harry F. Mishler on Feb. 27, 1941, in LaGrange County. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Rosa and Joni Yoder of Homer, Mich., and Edna Mae and Freeman Yoder of LaGrange; four sons, Ora and Mary Mishler of Hillsboro, Wis., Harry Jr. and Amelia Mishler of Dalton, Wis., and John and Sharon Mishler and Daniel Lee and Ella Mishler, all of LaGrange; a son-in-law and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Edna Hostetler of Sturgis, Mich.; 50 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Miller of Topeka, Elizabeth Troyer of LaGrange and Sadie and Ura Bontrager of Homer, Mich.; and three brothers, Harvey Lambright of Bloomfield, Iowa, Menno and Clara Lambright of Ludington, Mich., and Ervin Lambright of Mansfield, Mo.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Freeman Mishler; two daughters, Mary Hostetler and Anna Mishler; infant triplets, Mervin, Marin and Martha Mishler; a sister, Fannie Schwartz, a brother, Levi Lambright; and four half brothers, Clamies, Oba, Amos and John Lambright.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Friday at her residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Amzie Lehman residence, 1310 N. C.R. 250W, LaGrange, with Bishop Ervin C. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Martha Lehman

LAGRANGE — Martha Sue (Kuhns) Lehman, 45, of LaGrange died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend after battling cancer since August 2007.

Mrs. Lehman was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 21, 1963, in Nappanee to Enos and Katie (Schlabach) Kuhns. She married Richard Lehman on May 23, 1984, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Carolyn Sue and Kenneth Miller of LaGrange and Mary Lehman, Katie Lehman and her special friend Willie Miller, Norma Lehman and Luann Lehman, all at home; seven sons, Leon Lehman, Marlin Lehman, Lavon Lehman, Loren Lehman, Dewayne Lehman, Glenn Lehman and James Lehman, all at home; her mother, Katie Kuhns of LaGrange; two sisters, Mary Kathryn and Daniel Bontrager of Bourbon and Ruth Ann and Larry Weaver of Topeka; and three brothers, John and Susie Kuhns and Marlin Ray and Wanda Kuhns, all of LaGrange, and Jacob and Loretta Kuhns of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the family residence with Bishop Ervin Bontrager Jr. and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today, all day Friday and Saturday morning at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Celia Pierson

MANSON, Wash. — Celia "Sally" E. Pierson, 84, of Manson, Wash., formerly of Fremont, died Feb. 15, 2008, at her home.

Ms. Pierson served as chief clerk of the northeastern branch office of the Indiana State Board of Health in Fort Wayne from 1948-1966. She then moved to Boulder, Colo., where she served as editorial assistant for the biological science curriculum studies at the University of Colorado from 1966-68. She later moved to Denver and worked as a contract specialist at the U.S. Bureau of Mines until March 1976. She then partnered with Lyla Millroy, purchasing an apple orchard on the banks of Lake Chelan, Wash., which they operated until their retirement in 1987.

She graduated from Fremont High School and International Business College. She later attended Indiana University and the University of Colorado. She also pursued courses in contract law from the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. She was an active member of the Manson United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 12, 1923, in Fremont, to Fred and Bessie (Brown) Pierson.

She is survived by a niece, Mary Hoyer of Angola; a nephew and spouse, Fred and Helen Clay of LaGrange; and several grandnieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial has already taken place at Fremont Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
May 22, 2008, Thursday

Arnold Werker

LIGONIER — Arnold "A" "Arnie" Werker, 87, of Ligonier died at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen. Mr. Werker had been in declining health since February.

He had driven trucks for Studebaker in South Bend and Ligonier Rubber in Ligonier. He had also been employed by Now Courier of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Werker had enjoyed shows at the opera houses in the area.

He was a member of the Sparta Church of Christ in Kimmell, Ligonier Lions Club and Ligonier Elks. He had served as chaplain for the Ligonier Elks.

He was born in Sparta Township, Noble County, May 2, 1921, to Orlo and Effie Werker.

Surviving are two sons, Gary and Sally Werker of Goshen and Brent Werker of Fort Wayne; a stepson, John and Trudy Fergson of Clarksville, Tenn.; two stepdaughters, Joyce and David Kendall of Tippua Lake, Ohio, and Claudia and Earl Rogers of Fort Wayne; a sister, Georgia Shellabarger of Brookville, Ohio; grandchildren and their spouses, Andrea and Patrick Noll and Mary Werker, all of Fort Wayne, Chad and Sarah Werker, Jenni and Jeff Meyer, Wendy Rosario-Bentley and Trevor Werker, all of Goshen, and Curt Bentley and Sara Nowakowski of Elkhart; and numerous great-grandchildren, stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Werker; a sister, Gloria Bertram; a stepson, Donald Fergson; and his former spouses, Carol Werker and Evelyn Fergson.

Services were Monday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St. Ligonier, with the Rev. Dan Poyser officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. Pallbearers were Chad, Trevor and Sally Werker, Jeff Meyer, Roger Bertram and Earl Rogers.

Memorials are to hospice, Sparta Church of Christ in Kimmell or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rev. Steve Halsey

ALBION — The Rev. Steve Halsey, 50, died Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 8:45 p.m. following a year-long battle with leukemia.

The Rev. Halsey was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He was called into the ministry in 1979. He attended the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Albion for 12 years and was the caretaker of the Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Youth Camp in Albion for 13 years.

He had pastored a church in North Carolina before becoming associated with First Pentecostal Church in Fort Wayne where he was youth pastor for seven years and assistant pastor for three years.

He had also been employed at Guardian Industries in Ligonier for 15 years.

He enjoyed racing four-wheelers and was a member of the AMA. He participated in GNCC cross country racing.

He was born Nov. 22, 1957, to Elbert and Barbara (Logan) Halsey. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Albion. He married Kay Saylor on Aug. 9, 1975. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Shay and Jason Rowe of Garrett, Joshua and Sullena Halsey of Ligonier and Jeremy and Andrea Halsey of Albion; his grandchildren, Derrick Rowe, Alexius Halsey, Alexandria Rowe, Morgan Halsey, Olivia Halsey, Jeremy Halsey II and Ty and Cameron Halsey; and three sisters, Sherry and Ben Archer of Albion, Lisa and Casey Jones of Westmont, Ill., and Dawn and Devin Jones of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Halsey; his father-in-law, Jesse Saylor; and his mother-in-law, Thelma Saylor.

Celebration of life service was at 1 p.m. today, Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Police Department K-9 Fund in memory of the Rev. Steve Halsey.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
May 22, 2008, Thursday

Virginia Lamont

LIGONIER — Virgina Mae Lamont, 87, lifetime Ligonier resident passed away on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Chandler House in Kendallville.

Mrs. Lamont was born on May 18, 1921 in Knox, Indiana to Le Roy and Evelyn (Cooper) Kellam.

Mrs. Lamont was a long-time part owner in the Food Town Grocery Store in Ligonier. She also was an avid bridge player, and golfer. Enjoyed knitting, traveling, I.U. Basketball. She also adored her friends and family.

Mrs. Lamont was a long-time member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Ligonier Historical Society.

In 1945 she married her first husband, Jim Jarman, he passed away in in February of 1969. She then married Ed Lomont and he is deceased.

Survivng are 2 daughters and 1 sons in law: Beth Skaggs of Syracuse, Indiana and Peg and Dennis Conrad of Columbia City. 3 Grandson, Ryan Skaggs, Trent Conrad and Tim Conrad.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, husbands 1 grandson Adam James Skaggs and 1 brother Don Kellam.

Funeral Services will be on Saturday May 24, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey - Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial will follow at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Lucille Raines Residence or Riley's Childrens Hospital.

Newell Cripe

LAKE OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Newell Hall Cripe of Lake Okeechobee, Fla., died Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 7 p.m. at Ralston Hospital in Okeechobee.

Mr. Cripe

Mr. Newell was employed with the Chevrolet dealership in Okeechobee and was a member of the VFW in Okeechobee.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1921, to Benjamin and Buriel (Hall) Cripe.

Mr. Newell had one sister, Virginia, who preceded him in death. He was married in 1940 to Muriel Vondersmith, and she also preceded him in death. He was then married to Mary Woodworth in 1973. She died in January 2007.

Surviving are their children, Richard and Mirtie Cripe of Ligonier, Ronald and Lydia Cripe of Goshen, and Brenda Steller of Ligonier. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

One grandson also preceded him in death.

Newell was employed with the Chevrolet dealer in Okeechobee and was a member of the VFW in Okeechobee.

No services were announced.

Lucille Wysong

LIGONIER — Lucille Wysong, 89, of Ligonier died at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Wysong had retired from Essex Wire in Ligonier after 35 years of service. She later worked five years for Lydall Corp. in Ligonier.

Her hobbies were playing Yahtzee and euchre, watching the Cubs, reading, working crossword puzzles and watching TV.

She was born Aug. 10, 1918, in Noble County to John E. and Cornelia (Golden) DePew.

Surviving are one son, Laird K. Wysong and his wife, Katie, of Kendallville; a daughter, Rhea Morris and her husband, Kenny, of Syracuse; a son-in-law, Arnold Shepherd of Ligonier; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra K. Shepherd; and four sisters, Pauline Stolte, Carol Schliecher, Olive DePew and Margaret DePew.

Services were Saturday at J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
May 22, 2008, Thursday

Oscar Busche

ALBION — Oscar Herman Busche, 89, of Albion died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Busche had lived in the Albion area since the mid-1950s and currently resided with his wife at North Ridge Village Retirement Center in Albion.

Mr. Busche

Mr. Busche had a 40-year career as a long haul semi driver. He drove throughout the United States, only missing Maine out of the lower 48 states. He was a 30-year retired member of the Teamsters Local 414 out of Fort Wayne.

He owned a vehicle repair service in the Ligonier area from 1959-1962 and operated a dairy farm in the Albion area until the mid-1970s.

Mr. Busche enlisted as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at the age of 17 and in 1940 he joined the Army, serving in the South Pacific as a member of the highly skilled Bush Master Unit.

In his formative years he attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed attending auctions, collecting tools and reconditioning tractors and trucks. He refurbished old pool tables to like-new condition.

Mr. Busche was a member of the American Legion, Teamsters Local 414 and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born May 8, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Fred and Marie (Roush) Busche of Fort Wayne. He married Adeline Matilda Speakman on Feb. 11, 1946. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Dwight and Phyllis Busche, Nick and Lori Busche and Jerry Busche, all of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Tim Mock of Pierceton; 10 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Arthur Busche of Spencerville and Frederick Busche of Fort Wayne; a sister, Martha Essex of Columbia City; and a half brother, Don Amstutz of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by a son, Oscar Herman "Hermie" Busche; two sisters, Helen and Mildred; three brothers, Freeman Bushe Sr., Al Busche and Kenneth Busche; and a grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Legion or the Alzheimer's Association.

Betty Hart

LIGONIER — Betty Lou Hart, 81, of Ligonier died Monday, May 19, 2008, at Greencroft Healthcare Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Hart

Mrs. Hart was a lifetime area resident.

She had worked at Wirk Garment Co. and Sorg Paper Products in Ligonier.

She was born Sept. 15, 1926, in Pierceton to Isaac and Wava (Howell) Witmer. She married Lloyd L. Hart on Nov. 9, 1946. He died in 1999.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Retha and Stanley Barrick of Elkhart; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Emmajean Line.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, with Pastor Vince Wilcynski officiating. Burial will be at North Webster Cemetery, Mock Addition.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Robert Farber

STURGIS, Mich. — Robert L. Farber, 77, of Sturgis and formerly of Colon and Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at Thurston Woods Villa in Sturgis after a short illness.

Mr. Farber had worked as a steel rule die maker for Americraft Carton in Sturgis.

He enjoyed being outside and was an avid golfer.

Mr. Farber grew up in LaGrange and graduated from LaGrange High School with the class of 1949.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was born Jan. 26, 1931, in LaGrange to Lowell and Marvell (Plummer) Farber. In 1953 He married Joan Barbara Kerr in LaGrange in 1953. She preceded him in death in 1998. He then married Martha Craig in LaGrange in 2000. She survives in Sturgis.

Also surviving are a son, Joe and Lynette Farber of Jenison, Mich.; two daughters, Jan and John Eichel of Colon, Mich., and Joan and Bruce Harker of Sturgis; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Junior and Mary Farber of LaGrange, a stepdaughter, Linda and Abel Clifford of Allen, Mich.; a stepson, Steven and Deborah Craig of Hampton, N.H.; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lyndsay (Sharp) Bingaman; and a son-in-law, Jeffery Palmer.

A memorial service for the residents at Thurston Woods will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the dining room at the facility with Pastor Glenn Russell officiating.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Schipper Funeral Home in Colon, with Pastor Russell officiating. Cremation will follow.

Ruth Rhinehart

FORT WAYNE — Ruth Needham Rhinehart, 88, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rhinehart had previously lived in Kendallville.

She was the daughter of Basil E. and Inez E. Needham.

She had taught music and English in the Fort Wayne Community Schools for many years. She also served as an accompanist for the Canterbury School Children's Choir.

Indiana-Purdue University's new music building is dedicated to Mrs. Rhinehart and her husband, John.

Mrs. Rhinehart was active in her church where she was a member more than 75 years.

Surviving are her children, Julie Waterfield, Dr. Steven and Annemarie Rhinehart and Phillip and Kathleen Rhinehart, all of Fort Wayne and Lori and Robert Watkins of Hamilton; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Her husband and a brother, Dean Needham, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne with Dr. John Stephen Park officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

A reception will follow in McKay Hall.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church, Indiana University School of Music or The Towne House.

Memorials are to the Lyndsay (Sharp) Bingaman Nursing Scholarship Fund or Thurston Woods.

Esther Rathbun

Mrs. Rathbun

FREMONT — Esther M. Rathbun, 93, of Fremont, died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Rathbun was a lifelong homemaker.

She liked to crochet, take care of her garden and watch birds. She helped cook meals at her church.

She was born Dec. 4, 1914, in Jackson Township to George and Mary (Phipps) Blauser. She married Versel Rathbun on Jan. 1, 1935, in Angola. He died on Nov. 1, 1998.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, George and Betty Rathbun of Orland; four daughters and three-sons-in-law, Sandra and Ronnie Reed of Fort Wayne, Sue and Richard "Bart" Hand of Battle Creek, Mich.; Sally Walters of Paradise, Calif., and Sheila and Tom Harrington of Muskogee, Okla.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, James Allen Rathbun; three sisters; three brothers; and a son-in-law, Kriss Walters.

Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be three hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Brecht

FORT WAYNE — Mary Brecht, 94, a former resident of Muscatine, Iowa, died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at The Towne House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brecht

She was a former member of St. Mathias Church and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Joan of Arc Court 524. She and her husband, Iver, moved to Fort Wayne in the fall of 2002.

She was born Jan. 20, 1914, in Davenport, Iowa, to William C. and Bertha Klepher Bissell.

She married Iver Irwin Brecht on June 9, 1945, in Ottumwa, Iowa. He died July 6, 2003.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Susan and Roger Souder of Auburn, Bonita and James Delehoy of Anaheim, Calif., Mary Lynn and Brian Gaffney of Burnsville, Minn., Kathryn Palmer of Winter Garden, Fla., and Teresa Brecht of Clive, Iowa; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Carol Brecht of Moline, Ill., and Richard and Elizabeth Brecht of Clive, Iowa; 16 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nine stepgreat-grandchildren; and two brothers, Robert Bissell of Muscatine, Iowa, and Fredrick Bissell of Sacramento, Calif.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and James Bissell.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mathias Church, 215 W. Eighth St., Muscatine, Iowa. The Rev. Jason Crossen will officiate. Entombment will be in the Muscatine Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the Ralph J. Wittich-Riley-Freers Funeral Home with a 5 p.m. rosary prayer service.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice or the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Joan of Arc Court 524.

Online condolences may be left at wittichfuneralhome.com.

Charleen Martin

FREMONT — Charleen L. Martin, 69, of Fremont died Wednesday, May 21, 2008, in Fremont.

Ms. Martin

Ms. Martin was a homemaker.

She formerly lived in the Flint, Mich., and Lansing, Mich., areas. She enjoyed playing cards, bingo, cooking and baking, and collected items for her grandchildren.

She was born July 23, 1938, in Lansing, to Harold and Doris (Parish) Dalley.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Deanna and Stan Bowen of Angola; three sons, Stan Ferguson of Flint, Harold Ferguson of Baltimore, and Roger Ferguson; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Iris and Frank Brocate, and Alice and Robert Francisco; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Barton and Jan Dalley, Cy and Ellsie Dalley, Cliff Dalley and Dan and Pam Dalley; seven grandchildren, Latanya Caruthers, Lucinda Bowen, Christopher Caruthers, Steven Lillieberg, Samantha Caruthers, Tina Bowen and Summer Ferguson; and two great-grandchildren, Lillian Mcguire and Aaliyah Adams.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. There is no burial.

Calling will be three hours before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Constance Peters

KENDALLVILLE — Constance Helen Peters, 41, of Kendallville and formerly of Hillsdale, Mich., died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at her home.

Miss Peters taught at the ISD Early Start program, was a substitute teacher, and taught full-time kindergarten at Bailey Elementary and English at Davis Middle School. She was certified in advanced religious education and taught the religious education program at St. Anthony Church in Hillsdale.

As a young woman, she was active in Girl Scouts and 4-H, and graduated from Hillsdale High School in 1984. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Hillsdale College in May 1990 with a major in early childhood education and a minor in English. She was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She completed the course-work for a master's degree at Siena Heights College and Eastern Michigan University.

She received the St. George Emblem for her work in the Catholic Youth Boy Scout program and volunteered at a preschool in Kendallville.

She was born July 9, 1966, to Jim and Mary Gunkel Peters. Her mother died in 2003. Her father survives.

Other survivors include four brothers, Joe, Nick, Charles and Chris Peters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at noon at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Hillsdale with Father Thomas Butler as celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Anthony Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. at VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home, 40 S. Manning St., Hilldale, Mich.

Memorials are to St. Anthony Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to eaglefuneralhomes.com.

L. Bobbette Rediger

BUTLER — L. Bobbette Rediger, 82, of Butler, died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Rediger

She worked at the Grabill Cabinet Co. for 38 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe. Her hobbies were cross-stitching and baking.

She graduated from Harlan High School in 1944.

She was born Jan. 13, 1926, in Kokomo to Guy Wolfe and Jennie Shamo.

Surviving are her stepmother, Katherine Wolfe of New Berlin, Wis.; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Julie Rediger of Lake City, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay A. and Dale Bennett of Auburn; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jon Wolfe of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mandel and Sara Wolfe of Hales Corners, Wis.; a sister and brother-in-law, Chris and David Smith of Phoenix; six grandchildren, Joan Mathes of Spencerville, James Sechler of Auburn, Joleen Ramon of Auburn, Brooke Goldstein of Westfield, Jennifer Puterbaugh of Hannibal, Mo., and Janis Strong of Spencerville; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Judith Sechler, in August 1986; a sister, Tony Kramer; and her grandmother, Floss Shamo.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

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Barbara Halsey

ALBION — Barbara Ann Halsey, 74, of Albion died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at her home.

She worked at Tokheim in Albion, Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla and Central Noble Schools in Albion. She was head cook at Albion Apostolic Campgrounds since 1975. She was a charter member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, in Albion, where she served as treasurer for over 50 years.

She was born Oct. 4, 1933, in Kentucky to Hayden and Ethel Logan. On June 18, 1950, she married Elbert J. Halsey in Farmers, Ky. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1992.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Rev. Benny Archer of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Kay Halsey, wife of the late Rev. Steve Halsey of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda "Lexi" and Tat Rome of Kenner, La., Lisa and the Rev. Casey Jones Jr. of Westmont, Ill., and Dawn and the Rev. Kevin Jones of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan "Sonny" and Hazel Logan of Morehead, Ky.; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Rev. Kevin and Rhonda, KaLeigh and Kaedon Archer of Cooper City, Fla., Shay and Jason, Derrick and Alexandria Rowe of Garrett, Marisa Archer of Albion, Josh and Sullena, Alexius, Morgan and Olivia Halsey of Ligonier, Jeremy and Andrea, Jeremy II, Ty and Cameron Halsey of Albion, Nathan, Danee' and DeAnna Jones of Albion and Alexander Jones of Westmont.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Michael and Steven Elbert.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, 1008 E. South St, Albion, with the Rev. Benny L. Archer officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, Albion.

Doris Arlt

BRONSON, Mich. — Doris B. Arlt, 89, of Bronson died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Maple Lawn Medical Facility. She had been in failing health.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson. Burial will be at Matteson Township Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bronson Church of Christ.

Barbara Halsey

Lacey DePriest

AUBURN — Lacey Shea Depriest, 19, of Auburn, died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. DePriest

Mrs. DePriest was a full-time mother.

She was born June 3, 1988, in Knoxville, Tenn., to David and Patricia (Wright) McCormack of Osceola, Ark.

She married Tyler DePriest on Dec. 26, 2007, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tyla and Ecko DePriest, both at home; a brother, Michael McCormack of Jonesboro, Ark; three nephews and a niece; grandparents, Jerry and Louise Wright of Paragould, Ark.; and her in-laws, Christina and Charle Miller of Auburn and Jay DePriest of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the family.

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Gentry a pro on and off the field

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HAMILTON — From the time she began playing baseball and hockey as a teen to the last day she showed up for work at the age of 77, Ruth Mona Middleton Gentry was the consummate professional.

She grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, the youngest of three children born Aug. 25, 1930, to Albert J. and Nellie M. (Walters) Middleton. Her brother, Albert Middleton of Alberta, Canada, remembers their father practicing baseball with Ruth when she was a child.

Mrs. Gentry

"She was a fun-loving girl," her brother said. "I was the oldest, and then there was my brother, William, and Ruth was the baby — my dad's favorite."

The senior Albert would constantly coach and play ball with Ruth.

"Dad would have her swing at a bag with a ball in it to teach her to become a hitter," her brother recalled.

When she was 16, Ruth began playing baseball in a local club after her father convinced the coach that his daughter had a real talent for the sport. She also played hockey as a goalkeeper, but it soon became apparent that baseball was Ruth's game.

A short time later, Ruth began playing professional baseball for the St. Boniface Athletics in Canada. Then the Chicago Colleens drafted her in 1950.

The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League operated in cities on or near Lake Michigan and began in 1943. Its main promoter was Philip Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, who worried about the viability of men's pro baseball during World War II and decided to establish an alternate attraction. The women's league lasted until 1954. Ruth played one year for the Colleens, then for the South Bend Blue Sox, Battle Creek Belles and Muskegon Lassies.

Along the way, she met Naomi "Sally" Meier, an all-star player with the Fort Wayne Daisies. A noted fielder, Sally was one of the fastest players in women's baseball. Ruth and Sally immediately hit it off and became lifelong friends.

Ruth was inducted into the American Baseball Hall of Fame in 1988. She later entered the Canadian Professional Baseball Hall of Fame June 4, 1998, and also the Manitoba Professional Baseball Hall of Fame.

When her baseball career ended, Ruth moved to Indiana, lived with Sally's family for a short time and worked at a car dealership. Later, both women bought homes in Hamilton, where Ruth continued to live until her death May 13. She became a member of the Hamilton Fish & Game Club, which she served as treasurer for over 30 years. She also was a member of the Canadian Legion.

After moving to northeast Indiana, Ruth landed a job as a bookkeeper for Yoder Ford in Garrett.

"She was a very caring person and so dedicated," said Bill Yoder, owner of Yoder Ford. He recalled that his father, Ernie Yoder, needed a bookkeeper for the dealership in 1965, when a customer recommended giving Ruth a call.

"I think he interviewed her for about two minutes and was so impressed, he hired her right then," Bill Yoder said.

Ruth stayed at Yoder Ford, operating as a business manager and bookkeeper, for the next 43 years.

"She never missed work and continued to work up until the time she died, when she was 77 years old," Yoder said.

In the 1980s, Sally Meier was diagnosed with cancer. Devastated, Ruth moved into Sally's home so she could be close in her time of need. For the next two or three years until Sally passed away, Ruth nursed her best friend through her terminal illness.

When Ruth was in her 40s, she met a man with whom she had a lot in common. She married Gerald "Jerry" Gentry on Oct. 13, 1972, and they seemed to enjoy each other immensely, Bill Yoder said. Tragically, they were married only nine months when Jerry had a heart attack and died.

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RUTH MIDDLETON
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Ruth Middleton Gentry played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League in the 1950s. A longtime resident of Hamilton, she died May 13 at the age of 77.

"I still remember when she got that call telling her that her husband was dead," Yoder said. "But Ruth was tough. She had been through a lot."

The fierce competitiveness and resiliency that served Ruth well all of her life would come into play at the end of her own game. Five years ago, at the age of 72, Ruth was diagnosed with cancer. She underwent 32 radiation treatments, the majority of the time driving herself to and from the hospitals, doctors and treatment centers.

"During that entire time, she only missed two days of work," Yoder said. "She was loyal and honest and straightforward. You always knew where you stood with Ruth."

Over the years, Yoder Ford has been the recipient of many dealership awards. Yoder is quick to credit Ruth's skills and professionalism for most of the honors.

"The business will never be the same without Ruth," he said. "She was one of a kind."

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Edith Mertz

CORUNNA — Edith Ione Mertz, 86, of Corunna died Friday, May 23, 2008, at the Woodlands Nursing Home in Muncie.

Mrs. Mertz was a homemaker and belonged to the Auburn Church of Christ. She was a 41-year member of the Fairfield Extension Homemaker's Club and a 50-year member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Mertz was born Sept. 25, 1921, in Summitville, Tenn., to Alfred and Sarah (Jones) Taylor. She married William C. Mertz April 20, 1944, in Muncie. He preceded her death Aug. 7, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Jane Mertz of Muncie; two grandchildren, Andrew Scott Mertz and Molly Ann Hemmings; a sister-in-law, Olive Taylor of Muncie; and several nieces and nephews and special friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Woodrow, Edward and Charles Taylor; and three sisters, Carrie Miller, Nell St. John and Irene Tenpenny.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ or the Heimach Senior Activity Center.

Mary Call

KENDALLVILLE — Mary J. Call, 75, of Kendallville, died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Call worked as a supervisor at ITW Ransburg Electronics in Angola before retiring in 1993. She also was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Kendallville.

Mrs. Call was born in Allen County to Raymond and Mary (Pion) Potts and married Lyle Junior Call on March 17, 1951. Mr. Call preceded her death on Aug. 1, 1993.

Surviving are a son, Lyle W. Call of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and Frank Snedaker of Angola and Cindy and Mike Triplett of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Terry and Linda Potts and John and Shila Potts of Angola, and Joe Potts of Rose Lake, Mich.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rita and Jerry Call of Butler, Jeannie and Harold Hornbrook of Fremont and Judy Hamilton of Bristol; and a sister-in-law, Wanda Potts of Fort Wayne.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and Dick Potts.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Wayne Potts will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Josephine Johnson

AUBURN — Josephine L. Johnson, 99, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Johnson worked at the Auburn Rubber Co. for 20 years. She then owned and operated the Auburn Diner for 15 years prior to retiring in 1974. She also was a member of the County Line Church of God and worked for 17 years as the directory of the DeKalb Chapter of the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Johnson was a Union Township Precinct 5 Republican Committeewoman for 20 years and served on the DeKalb County Fair Board for 16 years.

She was born Aug. 10, 1908, in Orland to Jessie and Theresa Mae (Steffe) Loftus. She married Dan Johnson on Sept. 24, 1924, in Hillsdale, Mich. He preceded her death on Dec. 3, 1997.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Don and Jan Johnson of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Doris Johnson of Auburn; six grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Del Johnson; a brother, Lewis Loftus; and two sisters, Candis Wappes and Margaret Cook.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, with the Rev. Stuart Kruse officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

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Ruth Everetts

HAMILTON — Ruth A. Everetts, 73, of Hamilton, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at her home in Hamilton.

Mrs. Everetts was an avid euchre player at the Hamilton Fish and Game. She also loved to watch hummingbirds, enjoyed reading and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Everetts

She was born on March 30, 1935, in Angola to Cleo and Josephine M. (Cline) Bowerman. She graduated from Ashley High School and married Dean Everetts on May, 10, 1968 in Edon, Ohio. He survives.

She also is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Jo Phallan of Fredericksburgh, Texas, Stephena M. Ahlersmeyer of Pleasant Lake and Faith Ellen and Mark Jones of Hamilton; a sister, Mary Getts of Kendallville; a half-brother, Billy Gipple of Hamilton; a stepsister, Violet Wysong of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Max Gipple of Ashley; and five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Ann; three brothers, Gerald, Jay and Bud Bowerman; and a half-brother, Lennie Gipple.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials be made to the Scleraderma Research Foundation, 220 Montgomery Street, Suite 1411, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Mary Naylor

KENDALLVILLE — Mary E. Naylor, 91, of Kendallville, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Roger Bennett

EDON, Ohio — Roger L. Bennett, 71, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at 7:10 a.m. shortly after being admitted to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Bennett was a lifelong farmer and owner and operator of Bennett Seeds for more than 20 years, earning numerous awards. He also drove a milk truck for the Montpelier Creamery and a school bus for Edon Northwest Schools.

He was a supporter and lifetime member of the Future Farmers of America and a avid supporter of 4-H and FFA youth during fair time. He also supported the Williams County Veterans. He was a member of the Edon United Methodist Church, the Edon Lions Club, the Farm Bureau and Pheasants Forever.

He was born March 30, 1937, near Edon, Ohio, to Avery and Hazel (Kline) Bennett.

He married Mary Jo Lehman on Sept. 21, 1958, in West Unity, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Becky Bennett of Edon, Ohio, and Laura and James Wofford, of Lake City, Fla.; one sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Gary Heller, of Whitehouse, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Janet Bennett, of Montpelier, Ohio, four nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Bennett, in 2004.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Edon United Methodist Church, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home of Edon.

Memorials are to the Edon Chapter of Future Farmers of America, Williams County Veterans Memorial or Edon United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent and and online register may be signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

Anita Baker

HUDSON — Anita Louise Baker, 90, of Hudson, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Baker was a dietary aide at Fort Wayne Lutheran Home.

She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and the Lake George Chapel.

She was born Feb. 3, 1918, in Woodburn to Henry and Adele (Kempke) Schorling. She married Hurless Baker on Oct. 30, 1938. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Janet and Gahl Shaffer, and Judy Baker, all of Hudson; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and five brothers.

Services will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Christ Lutheran Cemetery in Woodburn.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lake George Lutheran Chapel or the donors choice.

Laurabelle Hanson

ANGOLA — Laurabelle Hanson, 88, of Angola, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Hanson enjoyed playing golf, bowling, knitting, playing bridge, cooking and raising her grandchildren.

She was born Dec. 13, 1919, in Hartford, S.D., to Hugh Jackson and Helen Cassie (Hatch) Irvine. She married Eugene O. Hanson in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Dec. 28, 1947. He survives.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David and Terry Hanson of Peachtree City, Ga.; a daughter, Pamela Winchell of Angola; four grandchildren, Michael Hanson, Keith Winchell of West Palm Beach, Fla., Kurt Winchell of Angola, and Karrie Winchell of Lakeland, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a son, LeRoy Hanson; a brother, Kenneth Irvine; and two sisters, Loretta Thompkins and Cleo Mae DeFranks.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola,, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Karen Brinkley

NOBLESVILLE — Karen D. Brinkley, 45, of Noblesville and formerly of Fort Wayne and Churubusco died at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, May 25, 2008, at St. Vincent's Hospice Home in Indianapolis.

She had been in declining health for the past two years.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Tiffany Trostel of Churubusco and Melissa Cornish of Albion.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Send condolences to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

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Harold Bailey

LIGONIER — Harold L. Bailey, 65, of Ligonier died Sunday, May 25, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Bailey was a retired factory worker.

He was a 1960 graduate of Wawaka High School.

Mr. Bailey enjoyed finding deals at garage sales.

He was born July 9, 1942, in Noble County to Schuyler and Mae (Hickman) Bailey. He married Carla Folk on Oct. 4, 2003. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Harold Bailey Jr. of Syracuse, Paul and Elaine Bailey of Edinburgh, Donny and Glenda Taylor of Wawaka and Jamie Taylor of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Frank Sims of Fort Wayne and Sara and Mac Davidson of Ligonier; three brothers, Rex Bailey of Wawaka, Ronald Bailey of Alabama and Edward and Julianna Bailey of Florida; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Kenny Robinson of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dennis Judy officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Lois Willennar

ANGOLA — Lois Willennar, 97, of Angola, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Ron Deller of Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Richard Jones

BRUSHY PRAIRIE — Richard Jones, 68, of Brushey Prairie died Monday, May 26, 2008, at his home.

Among his survivors is his wife, Effie.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Naylor

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Elizabeth Naylor, 91, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She had been employed in the past with Colwell General and Bakers' Flowers in Kendallville.

Mrs. Naylor enjoyed sewing, playing bingo and fishing.

She was a member of Independent Baptist Church in South Milford

She was born in Sears, Mich., on Aug. 21, 1916, to Edward and Bertha Marian (Vance) Green. She married Valentine Naylor on Dec. 1, 1961, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death Oct. 20, 1997.

Survivors are a son, Kenneth Cassiday of Kendallville; a daughter, Elizabeth Carr of Kendallville; a brother, Buddy Dale Green of Hastings, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Junior Lee Cassiday and Richard Levi Cassiday; and two daughters, Marion Louise Hicks and Norma Jean Strunk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with the Rev. Rev. Earl Bolen officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County. Pallbearers will be Mike Petro, Robert Christian, Arvin Knox Jr., Anthony Grimes, Raymond Grimes and Gerold Thomas.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the church, with services at 7 p.m.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jacob Batchelder

FORT WAYNE — Jacob Andrew Batchelder, infant son of Andrew and Michelle Batchelder of Fort Wayne, died Friday, May 23, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital, where he was born May 22, 2008.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are his grandparents, Clarence and Bonnie Fater of Auburn and Larry and Nancy Batchelder of Fort Wayne; his great-grandparents, Raymond and Faye Myers; a great-grandfather, George Bickel; two uncles, Chris Batchelder and Randy Batchelder and his wife, Brandie; and an aunt, Beth Fater.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Charlie Robbins

AUBURN — Charlie M. Robbins, 70, of Auburn died Thursday, May 22, 2008, in his home.

Mr. Robbins worked for Elzey Funeral Home in Ossian and McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett. He also worked part-time for D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home of Fort Wayne and McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. He served as a reserve officer for the DeKalb County Sheriff Department.

He also was employed as an insurance agent with Western & Southern Life Insurance of Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1993.

He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1957. Mr. Robbins then graduated from the Indiana College of Funeral Directors & Embalming in Indianapolis. He served as an intern for Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home in Indianapolis from 1957-1960.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Garrett, Indiana Funeral Directors Association and Garrett Country Club and served as a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteer. His hobbies were playing and watching golf.

He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., to Charles and Sally Robbins.

On Aug. 10, 1957, he married Sharon Johnson. He later married Jane Schenkel of Huntington in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Deb Robbins of Garrett; a daughter, Julie Crabill of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Karen Robbins of Noblesville; a sister, Carole Coleman of Coshocton, Ohio; five grandchildren, Shannon Scheumann, and Stuart Crabill, both of Auburn, and Tae Robbins, Tabitha Helmick and Tasha Robbins, all of Garrett; three great-grandchildren, Jayden, Aaron and Will; several nieces and nephews; and ex-wives Sharon Beehler of Fort Wayne and Jane Schenkel-Robbins of Auburn,

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Aubrey Coleman; and a son-in-law, Terry Crabill.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in First Baptist Church, 1357 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with Pastor David Nix officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Children First Center, CASA or First Baptist Church of Garrett.

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Lucy Christlieb

GARRETT — Lucy "Marie" Christlieb, 93, of Garrett died Sunday, May 25, 2008, at 1:53 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She had been in failing health since November.

Mrs. Christlieb

Mr. Christlieb was a homemaker and assisted her husband in the operation of Altona Heating & Plumbing for several years. In her leisure time, she gardened, raised flowers, and enjoyed her family.

She was born in Etna-Troy Township near Lorraine in Whitley County on July 23, 1914, to Alan Edward and Edna Marie (Watters) Anderson.

She moved to Libertyville, Ill., as a young girl with her parents and lived there for nine years before returning to this area.

On Nov. 14, 1932, in Churubusco she married Milton W. Christlieb. They lived on a farm near Avilla following their marriage, and moved to DeKalb County in 1939. After selling their farm, the couple moved to Altona near Garrett in 1961. Mr. Christlieb died November 27, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Vivian Marie and Max DePew of Churubusco, Fay Ann Holbrook of Garrett and Doris Jean Jones of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee F. and Janice Christlieb of Avilla; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Edward L. Anderson; a son-in-law, Howard Holbrook; and a great-grandson.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Jim Lilley of the First Church of Christ in Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, southwest of Avilla.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice in Auburn or St. Martin's Soup Kitchen in Garrett.

To leave a condolence, visit sheetsandchilds.net.

Charles Seedorf

SPENCERVILLE — Charles D. Seedorf, 57, of Spencerville died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Seedorf worked as a building inspector for the City of Auburn and was a Vietnam War veteran. He was a member of American Legion Post 409 and Cedarville Community Church.

He was born Dec. 4, 1950, in Michigan City to Irvin and Esther Seedorf. His mother survives in Michigan City. His father preceded him in death.

He married Roxanne (Loveless) Allen on June 26, 1993, in Michigan City. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are a son, Aaron Seedorf of Los Angeles; a stepson, Bret Allen and his wife, Amy, of Leo; a stepdaughter, Rachel Emerick and her husband, Michael, of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Alexa, Blair and Mica Allen; and four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Yvonne and Gene Bancroft, Sharon Sabinski and Patricia and Larry Sherwood, all of Michigan City, and Terry Sherwood of Dallas.

Mr. Seedorf

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Cedarville Community Church, 12828 Main Street, Leo. Pastor Monte Sheets will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cedarville Community Church or American Legion Post 409, 14133 S.R. 1, Leo, IN 46765.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

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Iva Gorsuch

CHURUBUSCO — Iva M. Gorsuch, 92, of Churubusco died at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She had been taken to the hospital Friday from Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a patient for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Gorsuch

Mrs. Gorsuch had been employed at Huntner Paris and Sears Roebuck & Co. in Fort Wayne and she retired from the printing department at Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

She enjoyed caring for her home and yard, cooking, and wintering with her husband in Leesburg, Fla.

Mrs. Gorsuch was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

She was born on April 15, 1916, in Smith Township to Sanford and Alice (Richey) Gordon. She married Dean W. Gorsuch on Aug. 2, 1934. He preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Sharon Gorsuch of Huntertown and Donald and Mariann Gorsuch of Dripping Springs, Texas; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six brothers, Charles Gordon, Arthur Gordon, Roy Gordon, Lawrence Gordon, Elmer Gordon and David “Pete” Gordon; and four sisters Nora Beights, Mary Crabill, Amy Fager and Lori Gray.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723 or American Heart Association, 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60604.

Send condolences to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

Elaina Henderson

GOLDEN LAKE — Elaina Marie Henderson, 53, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at her home on Golden Lake.

Mrs. Henderson worked for Waterloo Head Start and later as a school bus driver for Children First Center for 10 years. She then worked as a school bus driver for Northeast Indiana Cooperative.

Mrs. Henderson

She attended Community Church of the Nazarene in Angola. She was a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. Her hobbies were gardening, fishing and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Dec. 1, 1954, in Auburn, to Lewis and Blanche (Keller) Messman. Her mother survives in Waterloo.

She married Ray Henderson on May 27, 1972, in Waterloo. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ray Jr. and Christina Henderson of Pleasant Lake, Joseph Henderson of Auburn and Mark and Angie Henderson of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Windy and Travis Kemp of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Calya Collins, Mattie Collins, Dakota Kemp, Autumn Henderson, Ashlyn Henderson, Ava Henderson and Brittany Henderson; and two brothers, Ron Messman and Thomas Messman, both of Waterloo.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Messman.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo with Pastor Randy Marshall officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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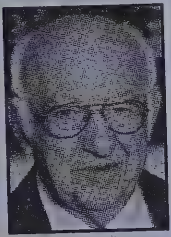
Ex-commissioner, fair board member Don Wilson dies

KENDALLVILLE — Former Noble County Commissioner Donald E. Wilson, 88, of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday in Mesa.


Wilson

Mr. Wilson had also served on the Noble County Community Fair Board of Directors for many years.

He had been a farmer and also drove a bus for the Avilla School and for the East Noble football and basketball teams.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Following his retirement, Mr. Wilson and has wife, Maxine, moved to a cottage at Cedar Lake near Howe and later to Holliday Village in Mesa.

Mr. Wilson was a former member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Survivors include daughters, Joyce Whan and Diann Stienbarger, both of Kendallville, and Suzanne Flagg of Rolling Prairie.

Roberta Holman

HAMILTON — Roberta Mae Holman, 69, died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Holman graduated from Butler High School in 1957. She was a homemaker. Her hobbies were knitting, reading, butterflies and visiting with friends at tractor shows.

Mrs. Holman

She was a member of Jerusalem Community Church of Butler and taught Bible school there. She was a 50-year member of Pythian Sisters, a 38-year leader of Girl Scouts, belonged to the Franklin Friends Homemaker Club and held Good News Club meetings for many years. She was a member of the Cedar Creek Antique Engine and Tractor Association, Northeast Indiana Steam and Gas Association, Noble County Gas and Steam Association and Steuben County Antique Power Association and was active in the International Cockshutt Club.

She was born April 12, 1939, in Convoy, Ohio, to Bernard C. and Kathryn V. (Waller) Baxter.

She married Roger D. Holman on Aug. 30, 1958, at Jerusaleum E.U.B. Church of Butler. He survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jean and David Headley of Fremont and Mary and James Graber of Harlan; five grandchildren, Alison Headley of Fremont and Jacob, Rebekah, Elijah and Caleb Graber of Harlan; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Irene Baxter of Hamilton, Cloyce and Shirley Baxter of Mount Sterling, Ky., and Harold and Sharon Baxter of Hamilton; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by an infant sister, Doty Maxine Baxter, in 1935, and another sister, Rosella Bostic, in 2005.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. The Pythian Sisters will conduct a service Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth for Christ.

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Mary Belle Andrews

GARRETT — Mary Belle Andrews, 92, of Garrett died Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 2 a.m. at her daughter's home in Saginaw, Mich.

She worked in domestic service for many Garrett families.

Mrs. Andrews

She was born Dec. 13, 1915, in Newton, Ala., to Robert Haywood Doster and Dovie Mae (Thompson) Doster.

She married John T. Andrews on June 11, 1931, in Garrett. He died Aug. 24, 1999, after 68 years of marriage.

Surviving are seven daughters, Jeanette Tinsley of New Haven, Leotha Murphy of Bay City, Mich., Cleotha Tinsley of Saginaw, Mich., Phyllis Andrews of Saginaw, Mich., Violet Bland of Fort Wayne, Shirley Washington of Fort Wayne and Michelle Rose of White Lake, Mich.; 27 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren; 50 great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Royal Doster of Willard, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Raymond E. and Lloyd W. Andrews, and one grandchild.

Graveside services and calling will be private.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation in memory of Raymond E. Andrews.

To send a condolence or sign the online register book, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Mary Woszczynski

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary Woszczynski, 94, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, May 26, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson and was a full-time homemaker. Her hobbies were reading and crocheting.

She was born March 4, 1914, in New York to Henry and Stephanie Staniszewski.

She married Edward Woszczynski on May 8, 1935, in East Chicago. The couple moved to Hamilton, Mich., in 1948. He died Oct. 5, 1978, and Mrs. Woszczynski moved to Coldwater in 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marie and Daniel Hemker of Coldwater, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Vonnie Woszczynski of Hudsonville, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Alicia and Nick Rose, Kate and Frank Barker and Andrew Hemker, all of Bronson, Mich.; Stephanie and Clint Burdick of Union City, Mich., and Berriann Bowersox of Grand Rapids, Mich.; four great-grandchildren, Koreena Hemker, Morgan Rose, Carson Rose and Melissa Brown; a sister, Irene Kulczk of Washington, D.C.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dianne Bowersox; a grandson Shawn Bowersox; four brothers and a sister.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, Mich., with the Rev. Fr. Richard A. Fritz officiating. burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. A prayer service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3-8 p.m. at Kolcz Funeral Home, with a rosary service at 5:30 p.m.

Memorials are to a scholarship for nursing at the Coldwater American Legion Voiture or to the CHC Foundation.

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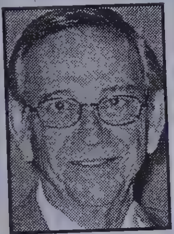
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted with additional information.*

Charlie Robbins

AUBURN — Charlie M. Robbins, 70, of Auburn died Thursday, May 22, 2008, in his home.


Mr. Robbins

Mr. Robbins worked for Elzey Funeral Home in Ossian and McKee-Miles Funeral Home in Garrett. He also worked part-time for D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home of Fort Wayne and McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. He served as a reserve officer for the DeKalb County Sheriff Department.

He also was employed as an insurance agent with Western & Southern Life Insurance of Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1993.

He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1957. Mr. Robbins then graduated from the Indiana College of Funeral Directors & Embalming in Indianapolis. He served as an intern for Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Home in Indianapolis from 1957-1960.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Garrett, Indiana Funeral Directors Association and Garrett Country Club and served as a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteer. His hobbies were playing and watching golf.

He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., to Charles and Sally Robbins.

On Aug. 10, 1957, he married Sharon Johnson. He later married Jane Schenkel of Huntington in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Deb Robbins of Garrett; a daughter, Julie Crabill of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Karen Robbins of Noblesville; a sister, Carole Coleman of Coshocton, Ohio; five grandchildren, Shannon Scheumann, and Stuart Crabill, both of Auburn, and Tae Robbins, Tabitha Helmick and Tasha Robbins, all of Garrett; three great-grandchildren, Jayden, Aaron and Will; several nieces and nephews; and ex-wives Sharon Beehler of Fort Wayne and Jane Schenkel-Robbins of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Aubrey Coleman; and a son-in-law; Terry Crabill.

Services were today at 11 a.m. in First Baptist Church, 1357 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with Pastor David Nix officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to Children First Center, CASA or First Baptist Church of Garrett.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn handled arrangements.

Larry Jackson

ASHLEY — Larry l. Jackson, 59, of Ashley, died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to include a photograph.*

Anita Baker

HUDSON — Anita Louise Baker, 90, of Hudson, died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Baker was a dietary aide at Fort Wayne Lutheran Home.

She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and the Lake George Lutheran Chapel.

She was born Feb. 3, 1918, in Woodburn to Henry and Adele (Kempke) Schorling. She married Hurless Baker on Oct. 30, 1938. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Janet and Gahl Shaffer, and Judy Baker, all of Hudson; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and five brothers.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Christ Lutheran Cemetery in Woodburn.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lake George Lutheran Chapel or the donor's choice.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Lucy Christlieb

GARRETT — Lucy "Marie" Christlieb, 93, of Garrett, died Sunday, May 25, 2008, at 1:53 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. She had been in failing health since November.

Mrs. Christlieb

Mrs. Christlieb was a homemaker and assisted her husband in the operation of Altona Heating & Plumbing for several years. In her leisure time, she gardened, raised flowers, and enjoyed her family.

She was born in Etna-Troy Township near Lorraine in Whitley County on July 23, 1914, to Alan Edward and Edna Marie (Watters) Anderson.

She moved to Libertyville, Ill., as a young girl with her parents and lived there for nine years before returning to this area.

On Nov. 14, 1932, in Churubusco she married Milton W. Christlieb. They lived on a farm near Avilla following their marriage, and moved to DeKalb County in 1939. After selling their farm, the couple moved to Altona near Garrett in 1961. Mr. Christlieb died November 27, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Vivian Marie and Max DePew of Churubusco, Fay Ann Holbrook of Garrett and Doris Jean Jones of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Lee F. and Janice Christlieb of Avilla; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Edward L. Anderson; a son-in-law, Howard Holbrook; and a great-grandson.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Jim Lilley of the First Church of Christ in Garrett officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, southwest of Avilla.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice in Auburn or St. Martin's Soup Kitchen in Garrett.

To leave a condolence, visit sheetsandchilds.net.

Karen Brinkley

NOBLESVILLE — Karen D. Brinkley, 45, of Noblesville and formerly of Fort Wayne and Churubusco, died at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, May 25, 2008, at St. Vincent's Hospice Home in Indianapolis. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

Ms. Brinkley

Ms. Brinkley spent her formative years in Kirkwood, Mo., and moved to Fort Wayne in 1987. She later lived in Churubusco for a period of time before moving to her present home in Noblesville in 2001.

She was employed as a home health aide for Rescare in Noblesville.

She was born April 5, 1963, in St. Louis, Mo., to Thomas and Betty (Vancil) Brinkley.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tiffany and Jason Trostel of Churubusco and Melissa Cornish of Albion; her companion, John Abrams of Noblesville; two brothers, Michael Brinkley of Piedmont, Mo., and Jimmie Brinkley of St. Clair, Mo.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Brenda and Joe Survillo of Sunset Hills, Mo., and Tresa and Dale Ware of St. Louis, Mo; and two grandsons, Blake Trostel and Wesley Trostel.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Brinkley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in the South Park Cemetery Annex, Columbia City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Send condolences to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

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Rev. E. Vaughn Powell

Rev. Powell

CHURUBUSCO — The Rev. E. Vaughn Powell, 85, of Churubusco and pastor emeritus of Churubusco United Methodist Church, died at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for the past several months.

The Rev. Powell attended the Jordan School of Music at Butler University, and was called into public ministry at Whitestown in 1958. He attended Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill., and was a pastor in the North Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church for 32 years.

He moved to Churubusco in 1990 following his retirement. His pastorates included Kirklin-Lanes Chapel, Mulberry, Otterbein, Churubusco and LaGrange.

He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. Following his military discharge in 1945, he and his wife moved to Indianapolis and lived there for 10 years.

In addition to his ministerial career, his life was marked by community and civic activities. He was a member and past secretary of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, and was a past master. A member of the Churubusco Lions Club, he had held various Lions Club local and district offices, and was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.

An amateur magician, he was a member of the Order of Merlin — International Brotherhood of Magicians for 35 years. He served as a chaplain for the Indiana State Police for many years, and for 24 years served on the board of directors for the Indiana United Methodist Federal Credit Union, serving as its president for 10 years.

The Rev. Powell was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Linneus, Mo., to Alonzo and Marian (Stone) Powell. He spent his formative years in Linn County, Mo., and graduated from Linneus High School in 1940. He married Marie W. Sperry on Nov. 5, 1944, in Hot Springs, Ark. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Linda and Gene Marshall of Mulberry, Jean and Steve Wiyatt of Effingham, Ill., Stephanie and Robert Drake of Champions Gate, Fla., Kimberly Powell of Leo and Kris and Jim Fry of Churubusco; a sister, Nina Birney of Sublette, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Vera Rinehart, Leona Reid and Mariam Stillwell; and four brothers, William Powell, Francis Powell, Raymond Powell and Gerald Powell.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Revs. Christine Newman-Jacobs, James Copeland and David Michel officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with military graveside rites by the U.S. Army. The funeral cortege will be escorted by the Indiana State Police.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723, or the United Methodist Committee on Relief, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087

Send condolences to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

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Richard Jones

ANGOLA — Richard Leo Jones, 68, of Angola died Monday, May 26, 2008, at his residence.

Mr. Jones was employed as a lumberjack for 15 years with Frick Lumber Co. in Brimfield. He later served as a custodian at Holt Public Schools in Holt, Mich., for 30 years. He retired from the school system in 2002.

Mr. Jones

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, canning tomatoes with his daughters, making crafts, woodworking and refinishing.

He was born Aug. 11, 1939, in Mason, Mich., to Francis N. and Edith Arlene (Ribby) Jones. He married Effie Rose Garrison on Aug. 24, 1957, in Sturgis, Mich. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three daughters, Brenda and Marvin Nagel of South Milford, Mary Jones and her companion, Don Shirey, both of Orland, and Rachel Jones of Angola; eight grandchildren, Richard Nagel of South Milford, Linley R. Clark of Hamilton, Jessica Ramp of South Milford, Charles Clark of Hamilton, Effie Little of Hudson, Justin Jones of Kendallville, Sonya Reid of Kendallville and Dustin Jones of Lansing, Mich.; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anna Louise Hawkins of Mason, Mich., and Rose Caudill of Munith, Mich.; and a brother, Leslie Jones of Bradenton, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Glenn LaVerne Jones on May 27, 1993; a great-granddaughter, Chelsey Nicole Nagel; and two brothers, Francis Jones Jr. and James Eugene Jones.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Gil Alicea of South Milford Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be at Block Church Cemeter in Hudson. Pallbearers will b Jerry Little, Paul Ramp, Jimmy Jones, Linley Richard Clark, Charles Clark and Dustin Jones.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funera home.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Society.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Lois Willennar

ANGOLA — Lois Willennar, 97, of Angola died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Willennar was a homemaker. She was a member of Angola United Methodist Church, the Angola Pythian Sisters, Rebekahs and Past Chiefs Club. She was raised by her grandparents on Pleasant Lake and graduated from Pleasant Lake High School.

She was born Feb. 25, 1911, in Lake Crystal, Minn., to Clyde and Rose (Olson) Brooks. She married Edgar Willennar on Nov. 22, 1931. He died in October 1972.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Ron Deller of Angola; three half-sisters, Maxine Morley of Angola, Mary Ellen Lemmon and Nancy Smith; two grandchildren and a spouse, Jodi Deller, and Jill and Matt Hassel; two great-grandsons and a spouse, Brandon and Mandy Eyster and Tanner Hassel; and a great-granddaughter, Beth Eyster.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Willennar Beard, in 2007.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton, with the Rev. Larry Griffith officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 28, 2008, Wednesday

Lyle Noragon

PLEASANT LAKE — Lyle D. Noragon, 75, of Pleasant Lake, died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at his home.

He was retired from Magnavox, where he had worked 24 years as an engineer. He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 202 in Butler.

He was born in DeKalb County on Oct. 16, 1932, to Warren and Doris (Meyer) Noragon. He married Phyllis Dietrich on Oct. 30, 1985. She survives.

He is survived by two sons, Dan Noragon of Hamilton and Rick Dietrich of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and John Grogg of Waterloo; a stepson, Keith Dietrich of Angola; two sisters, Delores Carpenter of Lady Lake, Fla.; and Ruth Wilson of Auburn; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Noragon; a stepson, Mark Bender; a son, Eddie D. Noragon; and a daughter, Nancy K. Noragon.

Graveside services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton, with the Rev. Lynn Eicher officiating. Butler American Legion Post No. 202 will conduct military services.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Fred Dohm

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Fred W. Dohm, 76, of Montpelier, Ohio, died Friday, May 23, 2008, in Bryan, Ohio.

A lifetime Williams County resident, Mr. Dohm worked for the Ohio Gas Co. and Citizens Gas Co. of Adrian, Mich. He also was a self-employed salesman.

He was born Feb. 28, 1932, in Williams County to Cecil W. and Ruth Marie (Marzol) Dohm.

He married Ethel R. Roddy on June 3, 1951, in Metz. She died Jan. 6, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Michael Dohm of Montpelier; three daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Randy Walz of Bryan, Ohio, Patricia and Frank Ringler of Angola and Carol and Shane Leskowyak of Fremont; six grandsons; five granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Martha Dohm; a brother, Lawrence Dohm; two sisters, Berniece Headley and Gertrude Dohm; and a granddaughter, Dawn Marie Dohm.

Services were today at 11 a.m.at Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier, with the Rev. Fred Brandon officiating. Burial was to be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Kunkle United Brethren Church.

George Witt

ASHLEY — George A. Witt, 67, died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mr. Witt was a printing press operator for Moore Business Forms in Angola for more than 40 years, retiring in 2000. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1958 to 1966. He graduated from Waterloo High School in the class of 1958. He was a member of Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in rural Ashley.

He was born June 14, 1940, in Waterloo to Albert Leroy and Rena (Richardson) Witt.

He married Ruth Ann Kanaga on Jan. 21, 1962, in Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Albert C. Witt of Ashley; two sisters, Edith Lower of Bourbon and Rena Mae Klinger of Delphos, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Lori Ann Witt; and three brothers, Earl, Russell and Roy Witt.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, with Pastor Valarie Kline officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 pm. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 28, 2008, Wednesday

R. June Ely, 81

AVILLA — R. June Ely, 81, of Avondale, Ariz., and formerly of Avilla and LaOtto died Saturday, May 17, 2008, in Avondale.

Mrs. Ely was a homemaker.

She enjoyed NASCAR and wintering in Daytona Beach, Fla.

She was born June 8, 1926, in Hammond to Fred and Clara (Seebauer) Rowe.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Brenda Myers of Avondale; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Mike Amstutz of Auburn; a stepdaughter and her husband, Sue and Larry Montgomery of Butler; two stepsons and their wives, Larry and Marie Ely of New Haven and Rick and Lisa Ely of Avilla; nine grandchildren, Brent Myers, Lishia Binkley, Nikki Hitchcock, Laura Surface, Julie Hess, Debra Amstutz, Mike Amstutz, Joseph Amstutz and Catlin Amstutz; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Eugene Myers on Feb. 3, 1973, and Harold "Barney" Ely in 2004; three brothers; and a sister.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Joel Surface officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Hospice Valley.

Harold L. Bailey, 65

LIGONIER – Harold L. Bailey, age 65, died at his residence Sunday, May 25, 2008

He was born on July 9, 1942, in Noble County, IN The son of Schuyler and Mae (Hickman) Bailey

He married Marie Crider March 25 1963; she preceded him in death April 22, 1997. He then married Carla (Folk) October 4, 2003, she survives.

Mr Bailey was a retired factory worker.

He was a 1960 graduate of Wawaka High School. He enjoyed garage sales and finding a good deal. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include: his wife, Carla Bailey of Ligonier, IN; four sons, Harold Bailey Jr. of Syracuse, IN, Paul (Elaine) Bailey of Edinburgh, IN, Donny (Glenda) Taylor of Wawaka, IN and Jamie Taylor of Ligonier, IN; two daughters: Teresa (Frank) Sims of Fort Wayne, IN, and Sara (Mac) Davidson of Ligonier, IN; three brothers, Rex Bailey of Wawaka, IN, Ronald Bailey of Alabama and Edward (Julianna) Bailey of Florida; one sister: Linda (Kenny) Robinson of Ligonier, IN; thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: his parents and two brothers.

Services were held at Yeager Funeral Home, in Ligonier, IN

Officiating was Rev. Dennis Judy. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, IN

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
May 28, 2008, Wednesday

Barbara Ann Halsey, 74

ALBION — Barbara Ann Halsey, 74, of Albion died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at her home.

She worked at Tokheim in Albion, Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla and Central Noble Schools in Albion. She was head cook at Albion Apostolic Campgrounds since 1975. She was a charter member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, in Albion, where she served as treasurer for over 50 years.

She was born Oct. 4, 1933, in Kentucky to Hayden and Ethel Logan. On June 18, 1950, she married Elbert J. Halsey in Farmers, Ky. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1992.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Rev. Benny Archer of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Kay Halsey, wife of the late Rev. Steve Halsey of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda "Lexi" and Tat Rome of Kenner, La., Lisa and the Rev. Casey Jones Jr. of Westmont, Ill., and Dawn and the Rev. Kevin Jones of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan "Sonny" and Hazel Logan of Morehead, Ky.; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Rev. Kevin and Rhonda, KaLeigh and Kaedon Archer of Cooper City, Fla., Shay and Jason, Derrick and Alexandria Rowe of Garrett, Marisa Archer of Albion, Josh and Sullena, Alexius, Morgan and Olivia Halsey of Ligonier, Jeremy and Andrea, Jeremy II, Ty and Cameron Halsey of Albion, Nathan, Danee and DeAnna Jones of Albion and Alexander Jones of Westmont.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Michael and Steven Elbert.

Services were at The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, with the Rev. Benny L. Archer officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, Albion.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 29, 2008, Thursday

Mabel Price

FORT WAYNE — Mabel L. (Paul) Price, 92, of Fort Wayne and formerly of North Manchester died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Price was a homemaker and owner of the J&M Market in North Manchester and bookkeeper at Culligan Water Softening in Wabash.

She was a member of Women of the Moose and an associate chapter of Tri Kappa Sorority.

Mrs. Price graduated from Central High School in 1934 and attended South Pleasant United Methodist Church in rural Silver Lake.

She was born Jan. 8, 1916, in North Manchester to Cain and Florence (Hill) Weimer. She first married John A. Paul and he preceded her in death. She then married Bill Price in 1978. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John E. and Carol Paul of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Larry and Nelma Stoner of Cromwell; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Elsie Weimer of Richmond, Va.; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several stepchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandchild, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary in North Manchester with Pastor J. P. Freeman officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in North Manchester.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Memorials are to Tri-Kappa, c/o Brenda Heagy, 1705 N. Heckathorn Drive, North Manchester, IN 46962, South Pleasant United Methodist Church, 5064 W. C.R. 1400N, North Manchester, IN 46962 or Mooseheart c/o Moose Charities, Route 31, Moosehead, IL 60539-1100.

Condolences may be sent to delaughtermckee.com.

Nora Cramer

AUBURN — Nora Elsie (Smith) Cramer, 94, died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

She was born in Awsworth, Derbyshire, England.

Mrs. Cramer

A piano teacher for 40 years, she was a graduate of Sherwood School of Music in Chicago. She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she was an organist for 25 years. She also was an organist for Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Indian Village Church of God. She was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Charles Hall and Linda and John Ladd, all of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Delores Cramer of Florida; her grandchildren, Debra Holben, David Hall, Kirt Webber, Kip Webber, Melinda Boots, Douglas Cramer, Gene Cramer Jr., Patrick Cramer, Brett Cramer and Gregory Cramer; her stepgrandchildren, William Young, Randall Ladd, Rebecca Ford and Rhonda Kirkwood; her great-grandchildren, Kerri Van Cleave, Brandi Hall, Troy Webber, Kyra Boots and Gracee Boots; and her great-great-grandchildren, Brian Sonner, Ethan Van Cleave, Mason Van Cleave and Ella Van Cleave.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gallard Owen Cramer, in 1971; a grandson, Craig Sonner; and a sister, Patricia Bisschop.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Twelfth St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church music department or organ fund.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 29, 2008, Thursday

Lois Cool

MUNCIE — Lois Ellen Cool, 83, died Tuesday evening, May 28, 2008, at Woodlands Nursing Home in Muncie.

She was born June 19, 1924, in Auburn to Roa Bishop and Thomas Shafer.

She lived most of her life in Muncie and worked at Ball Stores for many years. She was known for her butterscotch pies.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry E. and Rita Cool of Muncie, six grandchildren, Brian Cool of Lake Orion, Mich., Christine Chapman of Muncie, Troy Cool of Pleasant Hill, Calif., Eric Cool of Muncie, Andrea Thornburg of Muncie and Lauren Cool of Indianapolis; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale H. Cool, and a son, Ronald D. Cool.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Gant Funeral Home of Yorktown is handling arrangements.

Harold Rathbun

COLDWATER — Harold L. Rathbun, 93, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Maple Lawn Nursing Center in Coldwater.

Mr. Rathbun was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Nevada Mills.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

James Pierson Sr.

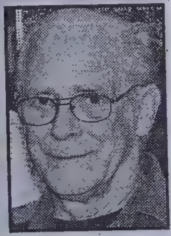
ROME CITY — James W. Pierson Sr., 76, of Rome City died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Walter Keller

FORT WAYNE — Walter "Walt" E. Keller, 71, died Wednesday morning, May 28, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Keller drove trucks for Consolidated Freight for more than 30 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Teamsters 414, American Legion Post 47, High Hopes Clowns and the Spencerville United Methodist Church.



Mr. Keller

He was born Nov. 27, 1936, in Fort Wayne to the late Frank and Fern (Shivley) Keller.

He married Laura J. Johnson on Dec. 24, 1954, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and his fiance, Walter E. Keller and Tammy McCann of Fort Wayne; four daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Lynn Hart of Fort Wayne, Tammy and Mark Baloy of California, Marjorie and Richard Clem of Fort Wayne and Jennifer and Randy Orr of Corunna; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by three brothers; one sister; and a granddaughter, Miranda Orr.

Services will be Saturday at noon in the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until noon at the church.

Memorials are to Spencerville United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 100, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

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May 29, 2008, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Laurabelle Hanson

ANGOLA — Laurabelle Hanson, 88, of Angola died Saturday, May 24, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Hanson enjoyed playing golf, bowling, knitting, playing bridge, cooking and raising her grandchildren.

She was born Dec. 13, 1919, in Hartford, S.D., to Hugh Jackson and Helen Cassie (Hatch) Irvine. She married Eugene O. Hanson in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Dec. 28, 1947. He survives.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, David and Terry Hanson of Peachtree City, Ga.; a daughter, Pamela Winchell of Angola; four grandchildren, Michael Hanson, Keith Winchell of West Palm Beach, Fla., Kurt Winchell of Angola, and Karrie Winchell of Lakeland, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a son, LeRoy Hanson; a brother, Kenneth Irvine; and two sisters, Loretta Thompkins and Cleo Mae DeFranks.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. David Carkenord of St. Michael Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Louise Braem

ANGOLA — Louise M. Braem, 92, of Angola died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Braem was an elementary school teacher in New York.

She was a member of the St. James Lutheran Church in St. James, N.Y.

She was born Dec. 21, 1915, in Boston, to Bruno and Marie (Schultz) Jaenicke. She was first married to Otto Licht, who died during World War II in Germany. She then married Edwin Braem. He died in August 2005.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Inge and Alfred Hermann of Angola, and Marli and Bernard Delaney of Bayport, N.Y.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

No calling or services are planned.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list additional surviving relatives.*

Mary Belle Andrews

GARRETT — Mary Belle Andrews, 92, of Garrett died Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 2 a.m. at her daughter's home in Saginaw, Mich.

Mrs. Andrews

She worked in domestic service for many Garrett families.

She was born Dec. 13, 1915, in Newton, Ala., to Robert Haywood Doster and Dovie Mae (Thompson) Doster.

She married John T. Andrews on June 11, 1931, in Garrett. He died Aug. 24, 1999, after 68 years of marriage.

Surviving are seven daughters, Jeanette Tinsley of New Haven, Leotha Murphy of Bay City, Mich., Cleotha Tinsley of Saginaw, Mich., Phyllis Andrews of Saginaw, Mich., Violet Bland of Fort Wayne, Shirley Washington of Fort Wayne and Michelle Rose of White Lake, Mich.; 27 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren, 50 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Royal Doster of Willard, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Claudia Andrews of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Hazel Doster of Garrett; and a brother-in-law, Matthew Andrews of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Raymond E. and Lloyd W. Andrews, and one grandchild.

Graveside services and calling will be private.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation in memory of Raymond E. Andrews.

To send a condolence or sign the online register book, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
May 29, 2008, Thursday

Barbara Halsey

ALBION — Barbara Ann Halsey, 74, of Albion died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at her home.

She worked at Tokheim in Albion, Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla and Central Noble Schools in Albion.

She was head cook at Albion Apostolic Campgrounds since 1975. She was a charter member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, in Albion, where she served as treasurer for over 50 years.

She was born Oct. 4, 1933, in Kentucky to Hayden and Ethel Logan. On June 18, 1950, she married Elbert J. Halsey in Farmers, Ky. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1992.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Rev. Benny Archer of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Kay Halsey, wife of the late Rev. Steve Halsey of Albion; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda "Lexi" and Tat Rome of Kenner, La., Lisa and the Rev. Casey Jones Jr. of Westmont, Ill., and Dawn and the Rev. Kevin Jones of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan "Sonny" and Hazel Logan of Morehead, Ky.; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Rev. Kevin and Rhonda, KaLeigh and Kaedon Archer of Cooper City, Fla., Shay and Jason, Derrick and Alexandria Rowe of Garrett, Marisa Archer of Albion, Josh and Sullena, Alexius, Morgan and Olivia Halsey of Ligonier, Jeremy and Andrea, Jeremy II, Ty and Cameron Halsey of Albion, Nathan, Danee' and DeAnna Jones of Albion and Alexander Jones of Westmont.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Michael and Steven Elbert.

Services were Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, Albion, with the Rev. Benny L. Archer officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, Albion.

Minnetta Hooker

GOSHEN — Minnetta Jane Hooker, 73, of Goshen passed away on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at home.

She had been in failing health over the past year. MRs. Hooker was a homemaker, she was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Goshen, Tri Kappa, Medical Alliance, Goshen Library Club, Maple Crest Country Club and M.C.W.I.C. Stock Club.

She was born August 19, 1934 in Marion, Ind. to Guy and Clara (Smyser) Nealis. Ms. Hooker later lived in Ligonier and had been a resident of Goshen since 1987.

Surviving are one son and a daughter-in-law and one daughter and son-in-law, Donald (Cheri) Hooker, Sevierville, Tenn. and Gwyn (Steve) Malone of Syracuse, and her father survives in Hudson.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 2000, and one brother, Dain Nealis.

There will be no calling and a private family service will follow.

Harold Bailey

LIGONIER — Harold L. Bailey, 65, of Ligonier died Monday, May 26, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Bailey was a retired factory worker.

He was a 1960 graduate of Wawaka High School.

Mr. Bailey enjoyed finding deals at garage sales.

He was born July 9, 1942, in Noble County to Schuyler and Mae (Hickman) Bailey. He married Carla Folk on Oct. 4, 2003. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Harold Bailey Jr. of Syracuse, Paul and Elaine Bailey of Edinburgh, Donny and Glenda Taylor of Wawaka and Jamie Taylor of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and Frank Sims of Fort Wayne and Sara and Mac Davidson of Ligonier; three brothers, Rex Bailey of Wawaka, Ronald Bailey of Alabama and Edward and Julianna Bailey of Florida; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Kenny Robinson of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dennis Judy officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family.

Send condolences to the family at:
yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 30, 2008, Friday

James Pierson Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — James W. Pierson Sr., 76, of Rome City died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 2:21 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where he had been a resident for three days.

Mr. Pierson

Mr. Pierson had resided most of his life in Rome City, and attended Rome City High School. He retired in 1992 from Flint & Walling in Kendallville after 42 years of service.

He enjoyed cars, motorcycles, racing and the shooting range. He also enjoyed his pet dog.

He was born Nov. 18, 1931, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Clarence and Helen (Schwartz) Pierson. He married Wanda L. Wallen on Feb. 4, 1952, in LaGrange. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son, James W. Pierson Jr., and his wife Dinah of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Melissa Duff; a great-grandson, Benjamin Duff; and a sister, Gloria Hicks of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra K. Pierson in 1966, and a sister, June Hawk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

View a video tribute or send condolences to youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Helen Kerns

LAGRANGE — Helen L. Kerns, 79, of LaGrange died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kerns

Mrs. Kerns was a homemaker and had worked at Trans-O-Gram in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born March 18, 1929, in Rome City to John and Hazel (Waldron) Kitchen. She married Herbert R. Kerns in Wolcottville on Oct. 26, 1946. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jeanne Kerns of Elkhart and Karen and Preskel Gayheart of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Vicki Kerns of Noblesville; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Mock of Syracuse and Phyllis Miller of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Kitchen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Denney officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lester Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Lester M. Bontrager, 64, of LaGrange died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange as the result of a stroke that he had suffered on Sunday.

Mr. Bontrager had worked 11 years as a press operator for S & H Metal in Topeka.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Sept. 16, 1943, in Sturgis, Mich., to Manas and Ida (Yoder) Bontrager. He married Edna Weaver on Oct. 24, 1963, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Orville Bontrager, Calvin Bontrager and Paul and LeEtta Bontrager all of LaGrange, and Kenny and Edna Bontrager of Topeka; 15 grandchildren; a brother sister-in-law, Ora and Susie Bontrager of Ligonier; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Olen Miller of Shipshewana, Fannie and Freeman Mast of Utica, Ohio, Mary and Mel Mullett of Topeka and Loretta and Marvin Kemp of Nappanee.

He was preceded in death by twin grandsons and a sister, Lizzie Mullett.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Mervin Hochstetler residence, 6100 W. C.R. 050S, LaGrange with Bishop John Mishler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today, all day Saturday and before noon Sunday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
May 30, 2008, Friday

Myron Ress

WATERLOO — A memorial service for Myron Bruce Ress, 65, will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Butler Memorial Gardens Cemetery, at the corner of C.R. 28 and C.R. 75, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Mr. Ress died March 8, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Butler is handling arrangements.

Travis Armey

KENDALLVILLE — Travis P. Armey, 24, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, in Wolcottville.

Shirley Lawson

Mrs. Lawson

ANDERSON — Shirley Jean (Brand) Lawson, 65, of Anderson, died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at Community Hospital in Anderson after an extended illness.

Mrs. Lawson was an administrative assistant for World Marketing Motorola for 20 years. She was a member of the 5th Street United Methodist Church in Anderson.

She was born July 9, 1942, in Ashley and had lived in Anderson since 2001.

Surviving are her husband, Larry N. Lawson, whom she married in 1967; two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Ray Hand of Mesa, Ariz., and Mindy and Matt Smith of Waterloo; a son, Brandon Lawson, and his fiancee, Stephanie, of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Diane Brand of Ashley; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Noel Smith of Waterloo; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Buford and Catherine (Dreup) Brand; a brother, Ned Brand; and a nephew.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be Thursday, June 12, at 11 a.m. at New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. A dinner will follow at the church.

Babette Castle

FORT WAYNE — Babette Mildred "Betty" Kann Castle, 91, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville, died Sunday, May 18, 2008, in Reston, Va., where she had been a resident since 2006.

Mrs. Castle was a 1934 graduate of South Side High School.

She had been active in the Democratic Party in Noble County and Allen County.

Mrs. Castle was born Oct. 15, 1916, in Ligonier to Sig and Mae (Porter) Kann.

Her first husband, Lawrence Ress, was killed in World War II. She then married Leonard Castle of Chicago and the couple moved to Kendallville where they owned and operated The Mode dress shop. The couple later divorced and Mrs. Castle moved to Fort Wayne where she worked for the city of Fort Wayne and Allen County and at Tower Personnel.

In 1996, at the age of 80, she moved to California to be with her high school sweetheart, Edward Doehrman. In 2006, she moved to an assisted living facility at Reston to be near her daughter, Suzi.

Surviving are two daughters, Suzi Stone Schreibman of Reston and Cathy Lash of Fort Wayne; an honorary daughter, Sue McInturff; two grandchildren, Daniel Lash and Laura Lash Cahill; three nephews; two nieces; a sister, Kathryn Kann Mendelblat; and her companion, Ed Doehrman.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Josephine Kann Rothberg.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Kathryn Kann Mendelblat Cultural Fund in care of The Temple, 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to list an additional surviving relative.*

Nora Cramer

AUBURN — Nora Elsie (Smith) Cramer, 94, died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Cramer

She was born in Awsworth, Derbyshire, England. A piano teacher for 40 years, she was a graduate of Sherwood School of Music in Chicago. She was a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, where she was an organist for 25 years. She also was an organist for Garrett Presbyterian Church and the Indian Village Church of God. She was a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Charles Hall and Linda and John Ladd, all of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Delores Cramer of Florida; her grandchildren, Debra Holben, David Hall, Kirt Webber, Kip Webber, Melinda Boots, Douglas Cramer, Gene Cramer Jr., Patrick Cramer, Brett Cramer, Gregory Cramer and Joshua Hall; her stepgrandchildren, William Young, Randall Ladd, Rebecca Ford and Rhonda Kirkwood; her great-grandchildren, Kerri Van Cleave, Brandi Hall, Troy Webber, Kyra Boots and Gracee Boots; her great-great-grandchildren, Brian Sonner, Ethan Van Cleave, Mason Van Cleave and Ella Van Cleave.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gailard Owen Cramer, in 1971; a grandson, Craig Sonner; and a sister, Patricia Bisschop.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Twelfth St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church music department or organ fund.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Harold Rathbun

COLDWATER, Mich. — Harold L. Rathbun, 93, of Coldwater, Mich., formerly of Nevada Mills, died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at Maple Lawn Nursing Center in Coldwater.

Mr. Rathbun

Mr. Rathbun retired as power plant supervisor at the Coldwater State Home and was National Weather Service weather observer for 29 years.

He was an Angola High School graduate and attended Tri-State University. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, playing the guitar, songwriting, working in the family nursery, gardening playing horse shoes and sports, especially the Detroit Tigers.

He was born Aug. 2, 1914, in Nevada Mills, to Kenneth and Zena (Fisher) Rathbun. He married Luella Carr Sept. 9, 1936, in Steuben County. She died on Nov. 9, 2007.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rosalee and Roger Bater of Coldwater; a grandson and spouse, Scott and Stacey Hodge of Coldwater; two great-granddaughters, Challyn and Brianne Hodge; four step-grandchildren and spouses, Virginia and Bruce Richards, Douglas and Pam Reed, Julia and Larry Fox, and Teresa and Tim Riegling; 10 step-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Carol Bowers of Sturgis.

Services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery near Fremont.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Travis Armey

KENDALLVILLE — Travis P. Armey, 24, of Kendallville died Wednesday, May 28, 2008, in Kendallville.

Mr. Armey

Mr. Armey had attended North Side High School in Fort Wayne, then moved to Howe. He had lived in Kendallville the last five years. He worked at Performance Food Group in Kendallville and previously worked in the Amish community as a frame builder.

He was born Aug. 30, 1983, in LaGrange to Daniel and Deborah (Honaker) Armey.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Mike Brockman of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Daniel and Linda Armey of Sturgis, Mich.; a son, Landyn Dejong of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Kayla and Kara Armey of Sturgis and Amy and Brandi Brockman of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Beau Sutton of Kendallville, Nathan Armey of Sturgis and Cory Brockman of Fort Wayne and currently serving in the military in Iraq; his maternal grandmother, Jean Perkins of Wolcottville; his maternal grandfather, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; and his paternal grandmother, Gene Armey of Howe.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with Pastor Brian Van Osdol officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-7 p.m. at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 in Wolcottville, and one hour before services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to a trust fund being set up for his son, Landyn Dejong.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Jane Deam

AUBURN — Jane J. Peckhart Deam, 59, of Auburn died Friday, May 30, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Deam was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born July 5, 1948, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are a daughter, Tammy Kessler of Auburn; a son, Norman Deam of Auburn; a foster daughter, Tammy Chagoya of Auburn; a sister, Beverly Scheber of Ashley; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Deam; a sister, Linda Sessford, and two brothers, Norman Peckhart Jr. and Donald Peckhart.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the family of Janet J. Deam.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Scott Luley

FORT WAYNE — Scott Michael Luley, 44, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, May 29, 2008, in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Luley was a plumber and pipefitter with Projest Design Piping for 15 years. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and enjoyed hunting, boating, softball and volleyball.

Surviving are a son, Austin Luley of Fort Wayne; his mother, Janice Bender of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Kurt Allen and Tracie Luley; a sister and brother-in-law, DeLyse Dyan and Randy Smith; a special friend, Tara Taylor Beck; Austin's mother, Jena Luley; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harol Louis Luley, in 1992, and a brother, Bruce Harold Luley, in 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Richard Koehneke officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Austin Michael Luley.

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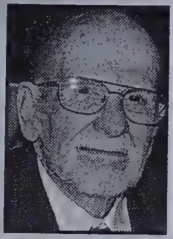
William Thomas Sr.

KIMMELL — William G. Thomas Sr., 83, of Kimmell, died Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.


Mr. Thomas Sr.

Born Oct. 7, 1924, in Fort Wayne, he was a World War II Army veteran. He was a retired home builder and member of Sugar Grove Church of God, where he served as an elder, trustee and superintendent and enjoyed men's brotherhood group and ice cream socials. He also attended Ormas Baptist Church.

Mr. Thomas enjoyed woodworking, playing the harmonica and helping others.

He married Pearl Mae Grabach on Oct. 7, 1944, and she preceded him in death in 1993. On Jan. 6, 1996, he married Peg (Berkes) Earnhart, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Roxanne Thomas and Dave and Renee Thomas, all of Columbia City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Jim Heath of Columbia City, Lynn and Kevin Bricker of Athens, Wis., and Audrey and Dan Barton of Vevay; two stepchildren and their spouses, Randy and Cathy Earnhart of Fort Wayne and Cindy and Roger Niles of Syracuse; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

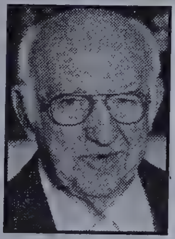
Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E. C.R. 500S-57, Churubusco, and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Sugar Grove Benevolent Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Don Wilson

MESA, Ariz. — Former Noble County Commissioner Donald E. Wilson, 88, of Mesa and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, May 25, 2008, in Mesa.


Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson had also served on the Noble County Community Fair Board of Directors.

He had been a farmer and also drove a bus for the Avilla School and for the East Noble football and basketball teams.

Following his retirement, Mr. Wilson and has wife, Maxine, moved to a cottage at Cedar Lake near Howe and later to Holliday Village in Mesa.

Mr. Wilson was a former member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was a graduate of Avilla High School.

He was born March 23, 1920, on the family farm on Waits Road to Arthur and Olivia (Todd) Wilson. He married Maxine Schwab on May 31, 1941. She died in June 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Joyce Whan and Diann and Jerry Stienbarger, all of Kendallville, and Suzanne and Michael Flagg of Rolling Prairie; five grandchildren, Terri Keck of Phoenix, Ariz., Tracey Whan of Fort Wayne, Todd Whan of Lexington, Ky., Matt Flagg of New Carlisle and Jason Flagg of Mill Creek; nine grandchildren, Kevinn Keck, Jeremy Keck, Emma Whan, Nicolas Whan, Cliff Hannan, Callie Lehman, Braydon Flagg, Jayden Flagg and Morgan Flagg; and a sister, Ruth Pepple of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Paul Whan.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arnold Jasper

COLDWATER, Mich. — Arnold D. Jasper, 80, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday evening, May 29, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County. He had been in failing health.

A memorial gathering and luncheon will be planned for the near future.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Kolcz Funeral Home of Bronson, Mich., is assisting the family with arrangements.

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Maurice Marshall plays with his dog, Bubbles. Marshall planted hundreds of thousands of trees across Steuben County along with his students at Fremont High School.

Marshall helped bring trees to Steuben County

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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FREMONT — For nearly 40 years, Maurice Marshall taught Future Farmers of America in northeast Indiana. But another, perhaps more lasting legacy comes in the nearly 1 million trees he helped to plant across Steuben County, his sons said.

Marshall, who served as an agriculture vocational teacher at Fremont and Avilla high schools from 1939-76 died May 25 at age 93.

His son Edward Marshall of Defiance, Ohio, said his father virtually came to the job by accident.

"When he graduated from the University of Illinois in 1939, there weren't any openings in Illinois and the pay was really low," Edward said. "His adviser said he had a couple of leads in Indiana, in Emma and Fremont."

After visiting both places, Marshall preferred Fremont and was hired. His first tenure, however, wasn't too lengthy.

"He left in the spring on '42. Most people figured it was because of the war. The real reason was because he and the principal were good friends who went fishing together," Edward said. "There was a new county superintendent who looked down on principals and teachers fraternizing."

Marshall then spent three years helping on his father's farm, and then was hired to teach at Fremont, where he stayed for 13 years.

Marshall's son Maurice said his father's return to Fremont in 1958 was also by chance.

"He was down at IU as a sponsor for the cheerleaders, who were down there for a workshop, and he saw a friend from Fremont, who knew him when he was there. They told him they wanted him to come back. He came back and went to a basketball game, and there were three members of the school board there, and they asked him to come back, so he did," Maurice said.

As one might expect, teaching vocational agriculture brought with it certain duties related to agriculture, including leading FFA and 4-H clubs. His success actually brought a bit of resentment while he was in Avilla, Maurice said.

"In 1949, they won a FFA judging team trophy. The trophy was so big that they couldn't fit in the trophy case, and they had to build a new case for it. It was always there in the center, and the coaches really didn't like it. Even though they'd won basketball sectional titles, the trophy was bigger than anything they'd won." When Avilla High School was closed, Marshall said, the trophy was saved. It was at the funeral home for Marshall's service on Thursday.

One of the things that stuck with both Marshall sons was the amount of work they, and their father did in planting close to 1 million trees across the county.

"He really enjoyed planting those trees," Edward said. "He planted around Hamilton, Angola and around Crooked Lake."

One man actually had Marshall plant nearly 150,000 trees around his private lake. "When we started planting it was all farmland," Edward said.

Maurice said the planting actually became a way to help his students.

"With the money they made off of those trees they were able to go on trips," he said.

Edward said the economics were simple.

"At that point the trees cost half-a-cent to buy from the state, and you'd sell them for a cent-and-a-half planted. It wasn't much profit, but it financed all those trips to northern Michigan or other places," he said.

Marshall also took on other duties, heading a parliamentary procedure club, the National Honors Society, directed plays and took classes on their senior trips."

Growing up, the Marshalls said, the lessons they learned from their parents, who were married for 65 years, stayed with them. Marshall's wife, Laura, died in 2006.

"They were good with us, but sometimes strict," Edward said. "But at times, you may have asked something and thought they'd say no, and they'd say yes. A lot of the things they did, as I've grown up, I've realized with my own children and grandchildren."

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Mary Pelfrey

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary LuDean (Miller) Pelfrey, 69, of Shipshewana, died at Saturday, May 31, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Pelfrey

She was a homemaker and a member of Sturgis Evangelical Church. Her hobby was gardening.

She was born April 17, 1939, in Goshen to Reuben and Elizabeth (Hershberger) Miller.

She married Ralph H. Pelfrey on Aug. 8, 2000, in Emmalena, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen Marie Miller of LaGrange; a son, Lavon A. Miller of LaGrange; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Orpha and Harry Weirich of Middlebury and Nellie and Edwin Miller of Hutchinson, Kan.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury, with the Rev. Rodger C. Moyer officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sturgis Evangelical Church or Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Lawrence Jackson

ASHLEY — Lawrence L. "Larry" Jackson, 59, formerly of Ashley, died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. Jackson was self-employed in the construction business. He was a Vietnam veteran.

He attended St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. He was a member of the American Legion in Florida, and Fremont Moose No. 2387.

He was born in Garrett on April 12, 1949, to Cecil and Delores (Gaetz) Jackson.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Lawrence of Clearwater, Fla.; a son, Micah Jackson of Palm Harbor, Fla.; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Edward and Polly Jackson of Lawrence, Colo., Jerry and Cathy Jackson of Fremont and John Jackson of Ashley; a sister, Rose Marie Grogg of Hudson; and two grandchildren, Michael Lawrence and Hannah Jackson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Tom Jackson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by Fremont American Legion Post No. 257.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and one hour prior to the service Friday at the church.

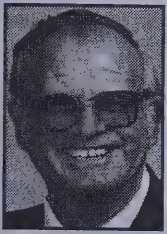
Memorials are to masses at the church.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Raymond Johnson

STROH — Raymond E. Johnson, 79, of Stroh died Friday, May 30, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Johnson worked as a carpenter. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a lifelong member of the Stroh Community and a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 and the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a horseshoe player and enjoyed traveling.


Mr. Johnson

He was born Sept. 28, 1931, in LaGrange County to Paul O. and Lottie Mae (Boyd) Johnson.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and Michael Murray of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney T. and Paula Johnson of Urbana, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jason Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Dustin Murray and Dylan Murray; and two brothers, Glenn F. Johnson of Angola and Leo P. Johnson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rory Ray Johnson, in 1958, and a brother, Carl J. Johnson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville. Military graveside services will be conducted by Orland American Legion Post No. 423

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society

Condolences may be sent to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Hermia Arnold

LAGRANGE — Hermia Arnold, 77, of LaGrange died Friday, May 30, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Arnold retired from Kraft Foods in 1991 after 25 years of service.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville. Her hobbies included walking, sewing and quilting.

Mrs. Arnold

She was born in Bevinsville, Ky. on Aug. 11, 1930, to Coy and Rebecca (Calhoun) Johnson.

She married Mason Arnold in Prestonburg, Ky. on Oct. 10, 1947. He died Dec. 22, 1997.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law; Barbara and Earl Handshoe of LaGrange, Grace and Herb Christlieb of South Milford, Wanda Arnold and her companion, Phil Ross, of Auburn, Lois and David Handshoe of Kendallville and Verna and Brian Roller of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harlan and Teresa Arnold of Blackwell, Mo., and Roy Arnold of Michigan City; 27 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law; Bob and Irene Johnson of Homer, Mich., and Winston and Ann Johnson and Arthur and Billie Johnson, all of Neon, Ky.; three sisters and a brother-in-law; Geraldine Martin of LaGrange, Christine Marshall of Yorktown, Va., and Gwendolyn and Bernard Hall of Neon, Ky.; and two daughters-in-law, Martha Arnold of Kendallville and Rita Arnold of South Milford.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Ernest Arnold, in 1997, and Cleburn Arnold, in 1977; a grandchild, Leah Taylor; a great-grandchild, Jessica Arnold Gruenfeldt; three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday after 3 p.m. with an evening service at 7 p.m. at Community Baptist Church.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left at hitefuneralhome.com

Betty Wiley

Betty Wiley, 89, died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Gerald Baker

SPENCERVILLE — Gerald K. Baker, 73, died Saturday morning, May 31, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Baker was a 1952 graduate of Spencerville High School. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville, Ohio.

He retired from International Harvester at Fort Wayne after 20 years of employment. He also was a painter, a farmer and was employed by Butler Construction Co. He was a past member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Dec. 31, 1934, at Spencerville to Ralph and Grace (Sponhower) Baker.

He married LaDonna Lothamer on Jan. 2, 1954. She died in 2003.

Surviving are four daughters, Kathy Bailey of Butler, Vickie Johnson of Lake Wells, Fla., Christy Evans of Coldwater, Mich., and Carrie Shetler of Spencerville; a son, Jerry Baker of Spencerville; five grandchildren; a brother, Ralph Baker of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Joyce Smith and Bette Way, both of New Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marion Baker.

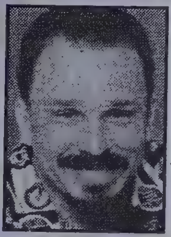
A memorial service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church at Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville.

Memorials are to the Hospice of DeKalb County.

Scott Luley

FORT WAYNE — Scott Michael Luley, 44, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, May 29, 2008, in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Luley

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Luley was a plumber and pipe fitter with Project Design Piping for 14 years.

He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Mr. Luley enjoyed hunting, boating, softball and volleyball.

He was a Fort Wayne native.

Surviving are a son, Austin Luley of Fort Wayne; his mother, Janice Bender of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Kurt Allen and Tracie Luley of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, DeLyse Dyan and Randy Smith of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Tara Taylor Beck; a sister-in-law, Jena Luley; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Louis Luley in 1992, and a brother, Bruce Harold Luley in 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Pastor Richard Koehneke officiating. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Austin Michael Luley.

Betty Wiley

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Wiley, 89, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wiley was a clerk at the Whitley County Courthouse in Columbia City until she retired in 1982.

She graduated from Summitville High School in Madison County in 1936.

Mrs. Wiley was a member of the Kendallville VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She loved to play golf and be with her family and friends.

She was born in Swayzee on Jan. 12, 1919, to Harley and Grace (Trowbridge) Collins. She married Reeley Wiley on Feb. 14, 1942, in Marion. He died Jan. 8, 2006.

Surviving are four daughters, Marthene and Richard Phend of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Myrna and Thomas Wolfe of Columbia City, Sandra and Donald Grim of Columbia City and Lynn S. Daily of London, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded five sisters, Hattie Wimmer, Effie Spitzmesser, Ruth Horine, Dorothy Rigsby and Rosalie Collins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. in Grant Memorial Park Cemetery in Marion. Her nephew, Jerry Richards, an elder with the First Christian Church in Marion, will officiate.

Calling will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being repeated to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Raymond Johnson

STROH — Raymond E. Johnson, 76, of Stroh died Friday, May 30, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson worked as a carpenter. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a lifelong member of the Stroh community and a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 and the Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a horseshoe player and enjoyed traveling.

He was born Sept. 28, 1931, in LaGrange County to Paul O. and Lottie Mae (Boyd) Johnson.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tonya and Michael Murray of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney T. and Paula Johnson of Urbana, Ohio; four grandchildren, Jason Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Dustin Murray and Dylan Murray; and two brothers, Glenn F. Johnson of Angola and Leo P. Johnson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rory Ray Johnson, in 1958, and a brother, Carl J. Johnson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in Wolcottville. Military graveside services will be conducted by Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ann Boner

BRIMFIELD — Ann Boner, 72, of Brimfield died today, Monday, June 2, 2008, at her home.

Among her survivors are her husband, Ken Boner; a son, Gilbert "Brad" Bond; three daughters, Brenda Jennings, Becky Michael and Barbara Pedersoen; and a stepson, Kent Boner.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Robert Hooley

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Robert D. Hooley, 75, of Montgomery, Mich., died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

He was born Jan. 4, 1933.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
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Jerome Fry

COLUMBIA CITY — Jerome Fry, 76, of Columbia City died at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008, at his residence after battling cancer for several months.

Mr. Fry was employed with Slater Steel in Fort Wayne for 34 years as a plumber and pipe fitter and retired after 16 years of service with General Motors Fort Wayne as a pipe fitter in the paint booth department.

He was a member of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Columbia City where he also served as a Sunday school teacher. He was also a member of the Chain-O-Lakes Barbershop Chorus.

Mr. Fry moved from Warsaw to Whitley County as a child and graduated from Columbia City High School with the class of 1949. He served with the United States Navy as a seaman apprentice from Dec. 20, 1948, until July 2, 1953.

He was born Oct. 3, 1931, in Warsaw to Pastor Valmont A. and F. Beryl (Weeks) Fry. He was first married in 1949 to Jean Delanoy and his second marriage was to Dayra J. Bailer on Jan. 2, 1962, at the Free Methodist Church, Columbia City. They moved in 1964 to Noble County where he resided for more than 30 years. Dayra Fry died March 14, 1995. He then married F. Marie Wilcoxson Stickler on Oct. 5, 1996, in Columbia City and she died Jan. 19, 2007. He lastly married Nuha Salahud-Din on May 2 at his Columbia City residence. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Daniel and Marie Fry and Darren and Kelly Fry, all of Albion, David Fry of Columbia City and Donald and Regina Fry of Warsaw; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Don Wolff of Valparaiso and Heidi and Shawn Marker of Hicksville, Ohio; four sisters, Jeanette and Gerald Bills, Judith Hosler and Jayne Druley, all of Columbia City, and Joy Lewis of Winter Haven, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Daphne Jane Fry, a granddaughter, Brianna Marie Fry, and two brothers, Jerry and Jack Fry.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Michael Dillon of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City, with graveside military rites being conducted by the Korean War Veterans Honor Guard.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Chain-O-Lakes Barbershop Chorus or St. Matthew's United Methodist Church.

Send condolences to the family at demoneygrimes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 3, 2008, Tuesday

Ruby Alleshouse

HOWE — Ruby M. Alleshouse, 97, of Howe died Monday June 2, 2008, at her residence.

Mrs. Alleshouse

Mrs. Alleshouse had worked at Marks Nursing Home in both Mongo and LaGrange and at Booth Poultry Farm in Orland.

She was a member of Orland United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women of the church.

Mrs. Alleshouse had moved to LaGrange County in 1919 from Kalkaska County, Mich.

She was born on June 4, 1910, in Kalkaska County, Mich., to Robert and Della (Bricker) Bell. She married Herschel D. Alleshouse on Oct. 1, 1932, in South Milford. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 1959.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Jon "Jack" Oakley of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Carol Alleshouse of Howe; a son-in-law, Weir L. Barrows of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Marvel B. Barrows on Sept. 25, 2005; a sister, Opal Bloom; and three brothers, Milford, Forrest and Samuel Bell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Orland United Methodist Church in Orland with the Rev. Duane Stidham and Pastor Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Orland United Methodist Church or LaGrange County Food and Clothes Basket.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ann Boner

BRIMFIELD — Ann Louette Bond Boner 72, of Brimfield died Monday, June 2, 2008, at her residence in Brimfield with her family by her side.

Mrs. Boner

Mrs. Bond-Boner was a licensed pratical nurse with Williams County General Hospital in Montpelier, Ohio, Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier and Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. She also worked for Scott's Food in Kendallville as a clerk following her retirement.

She loved baking cookies and having her grandchildren stay overnight. She enjoyed embroidery, knitting and crocheting.

Mrs. Bond-Boner was a bowler, played the accordian and enjoyed square dancing, camping and swimming.

She was born Dec. 31, 1935, in Toledo, Ohio, to Dewey and Marjorie (Abbott) Boise. She married Kenneth Boner on April 1, 1997, in LaGrange. He survives in Brimfield.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Larry Jennings of Howe, Becky and Denny Michael of Sherwood, Ohio, and Barbara and Donnie Pedersen of Montpelier, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Gilbert "Brad" and Renee Bond of Mongo; a stepson, Kent Boner of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Elysia Michael in 1999;three brothers, Don Ducy, Harry Ducy and Albert Boise; three sisters, Margaret Spurduti, Doris Chamberlin and Marjorie Ella Boise; and five infant siblings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery in Brighton.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour before the funeral service Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Sarah Souder

BUTLER — Sarah "Mildred" Souder, 100, died Saturday, May 31, 2008.

She was a member of the Wittenberg Guild and a lifelong member of Zion United Methodist Church. She was known for her sugar cookies

Mrs. Souder

Born to William and Micha (Rickard) Bryant, she resided most of her life in the Butler area.

She married Ralph Souder, and they celebrated their 60th anniversary just one week before his death in 1987.

Surviving are two daughters, Phyllis Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio, and Patricia Kinsey of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Linda Souder of Garrett; 22 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Lavon; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Nancy Houck and Connie Skaggs; a brother, Loren Bryant; and a son-in-law, Kenneth Jennings.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Zion United Methodist Church, north of Butler. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.

Robert Blum

FORT WAYNE — Robert "Zoom-Zoom Bobby" Blum, 59, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blum was a native of Angola.

He was an auto body repairman with Blum's Body Shop.

Mr. Blum was a member of Sons of American Legion, an avid NASCAR fan and local race car driver.

He loved fishing with his grandson, Eli.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Blum of Fort Wayne; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Robert and Dawn Blum of Rome City, Ronald and Andrea Blum of Fort Wayne, Steve and Tricia Blum of Hamilton, Brandon Berry of Fort Wayne, Max and Gina Wollman of Norfolk, Va., and David Blum of Franklin, Va.; nine grandchildren; and a sister, Roxanne Burgess of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Blum

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Bonnie (Groshon) Blum; a brother; and a daughter, Michelle Blum.

Services were Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne with the Rev. Donald Klineschmidt officiating. Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Goldie Fee

ORLAND — Goldie I. Fee, 89, of Wall Lake near Orland and formerly Edgerton, Ohio, died Monday, June 2, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Fee

Mrs. Fee was a homemaker.

She was a 1937 graduate of Edgerton High School.

She was born Dec. 2, 1918, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Clifton C. and Maude Mae (Goeltzenleuchter) Deal. She married Herman C. Fee on Dec. 25, 1938, in Butler. He died on Dec. 19, 2007.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Charles Reamsnyder of West Unity, Ohio, and Irene and Larry Teats of Montpelier, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Herman Jr. and Marilyn Fee of Montpelier; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Wilma Rutledge.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 11:30 p.m. in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, with the Rev. John Pool officiating.

Calling will be private.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 3, 2008, Tuesday

Barbara Halsey

ALBION — Barbara Ann Halsey, 74, of Albion died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at her home.

She worked at Tokheim in Albion, Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla and Central Noble Schools in Albion. She had been the head cook at Albion Apostolic Campgrounds since 1975.

Mrs. Halsey was a charter member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, in Albion, where she served as treasurer for more than 50 years.

She was born Oct. 4, 1933, in Kentucky to Hayden and Ethel Logan. She married Elbert J. Halsey in Farmers, Ky., on June 18, 1950. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and son-in-law, Sherry and the Rev. Benny Archer of Albion, Lisa and the Rev. Casey Jones Jr. of Westmont, Ill., and Dawn and the Rev. Kevin Jones of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Kay Halsey; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda "Lexi" and Tat Rome of Kenner, La.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan "Sonny" and Hazel Logan of Morehead, Ky.; nine grandchildren, the Rev. Kevin Archer of Cooper City, Fla., Shay Rowe of Garrett, Marisa Archer of Albion, Josh Halsey of Ligonier, Jeremy Jeremy II of Albion, Nathan Jones of Albion, Danee' Jones of Albion, DeAnna Jones of Albion and Alexander Jones of Westmont; and 10 great-grandchildren, KaLeigh and Kaedon Archer of Cooper City, Fla., Derrick and Alexandria Rowe of Garrett, Alexius, Morgan and Olivia Halsey of Ligonier, and Jeremy II, Ty and Cameron Halsey of Albion.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Michael Halsey and the Rev. Steven Elbert Halsey.

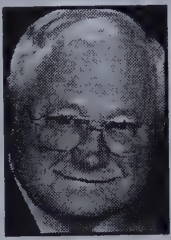
Services were May 26 at The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, 1008 E. South St, Albion, with the Rev. Benny L. Archer officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Robert Hooley

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Robert Daniel Hooley, 75, of Montgomery, Mich., and formerly of Middlebury, died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.


Mr. Hooley

Mr. Hooley was a truck driver and farmed a small farm, transported Amish neighbors around for trips and worked at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola as a custodian for a number of years.

He was a foster parent for over 15 years. He was a graduate of Middlebury High School and enjoyed gardening and tractors. He was a 27-year member of Fairview Missionary Church and was a Sunday school teacher, deacon and was involved in the Jubilee Fellowship.

He was born Jan. 4, 1933, in Middlebury to Daniel and Bessie (Miller) Hooley. He married Wanda Hartman on Nov. 19, 1955, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Dawn and Scott Granger of Pensacola, Fla.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jerry Lynn Hooley and former daughter-in-law Janine of Anderson, Dennis and Rae Lynn Hooley of Holland, Mich., Kevin and Rita Hooley of Byron, Mich., and Robert Jr. and Sandy Hooley of Sterling Heights, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Jerry Rodman of Angola; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Lavera Hooley of Middlebury, Larry and Marilyn Randall Hooley of Shipshewana, and Randall and Jacque Hooley of Middlebury.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be in California Township Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Fairview Missionary Church.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 4, 2008, Wednesday

Nancy Hazelton

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Nancy Hazelton, 68, of Haines City and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, May 12, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Hazelton moved to Haines City in 1985 from Kendallville.

She and her husband, Glenn, owned and operated Glenn and Nancy's Breakfast House in Kendallville for many years.

Mrs. Hazelton was a member of the Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Haines City.

She was born Sept. 17, 1939, in Garrett to August and Vesta (Barber) Diederich.

Her husband, Glenn, died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Earlene Hazelton of Haines City; two daughters, Terri and Gary Beadle of Haines City and Tammy and Richard Totten of Davenport, Fla.; two brothers, James Diederich and David Diederich, both of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held May 14 at Forest Hill Cemetery in Haines City.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care in Haines City was in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Poling

HOWE — Kenneth D. "Tom" Poling, 55, of Howe died at 1:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 4, 2008, Wednesday

Jerome Fry, 76

COLUMBIA CITY - Jerome Fry, 76, of 650 Virginia Avenue, Northland Estates, Columbia City, IN 46725 passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at his residence, after several months courageously battling cancer. He was born on October 3, 1931 in Warsaw, Kosciusko County, IN, the son of Pastor Valmont A. and F. Beryl (Weeks) Fry.

Jerome moved from Warsaw to Whitley County as a child and graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1949. He served with the United States Navy.

He was first married to Dayra J.Bailer on January 2, 1962 at the Free Methodist Church, Columbia City and moved in 1964 to Noble County where he resided for over 30 years. His second marriage was to F. Marie Wilcoxson Stickler on October 5, 1996, in Columbia City, shortly after, they built a home in Northland Estates. He was employed with Slater Steel, Fort Wayne, IN for 34 years.

He retired after 16 years service with General Motors, Fort Wayne, IN.

He attended St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Columbia City and was a member of the Chain-O-Lakes Barbershop Chorus.

Survivors include four sons, Darren (Kelly) Fry, Albion, IN, David L. (Thea) Fry, Columbia City, IN, Donald B. (Regina) Fry, Warsaw, IN and Daniel A. (Marie) Fry, Albion, IN; two daughters, Heidi Marker, Albion, IN and Joanne D. (Don) Wolff, Valparaiso, IN; four sisters, Jeanette (Gerald) Bills, Judith Hosler, and Jayne Druley, all of Columbia City; eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Dayra J. Fry who passed away on March 14, 1995 and his second wife, F. Marie Wilcoxson Stickler Fry who passed away on January 19, 2007, one daughter, Daphne Jane Fry and one granddaughter, Brianna Marie Fry and two brothers, Jerry and Jack Fry.

Funeral service will be held on June 4, 2008 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with the Pastor of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be South Park Annex Cemetery, Columbia City, with graveside military rites being conducted by the Korean War Veterans.

Memorial bequests may be given to Chain-O-Lakes Barbershop Chorus. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family or to sign the guest register book, please visit www.demoney-grimes.com

Scott Luley, 44

FORT WAYNE — Scott Michael Luley, 44, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, May 29, 2008, in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Luley was a plumber and pipe fitter with Project Design Piping for 14 years.

He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Mr. Luley enjoyed hunting, boating, softball and volleyball.

He was a Fort Wayne native

Surviving are a son, Austin Luley of Fort Wayne; his mother, Janice Bender of Avilla; a brother and sister-in-law, Kurt Allen and Tracie Luley of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, DeLyse Dyan and Randy Smith of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Tara Taylor Beck; a sister-in-law, Jena Luley; and several nieces and nephews.He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Louis Luley in 1992, and a brother, Bruce Harold Luley in 2001.

Services were at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with Pastor Richard Koehneke officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Austin Michael Luley.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 4, 2008, Wednesday

Ann Louette Bond-Boner, 72

BRIMFIELD – Ann Louette Bond-Boner, age 72, of Brimfield died on Monday, June 2, 2008 at her residence in Brimfield with her family by her side.

Mrs. Boner was born in Toledo, Ohio on December 31, 1935 to Dewey Albert and Marjorie Gertrude (Abbott) Boise.

She married Kenneth Louis Boner on April 1, 1997 in LaGrange, Indiana.

She was a Licensed Pratical Nurse with Williams County General Hospital in Montpelier, Ohio, Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier and Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. She also worked for Scott's Food in Kendallville as a check out clerk after retirement.

A loving mother and grandma, Ann loved baking cookies and sleep-overs with her grandkids. She enjoyed embroidery, knitting, and crocheting. Ann was an avid bowler, played the accordian, and loved to square dance. She also enjoyed going camping and swimming.

Survivors include: husband, Kenneth Boner of Brimfield; three daughters, Brenda (Larry) Jennings of Howe, Becky (Denny) Michael of Sherwood, Ohio, Barbara (Donnie) Pedersen of Montpelier, Ohio; one son, Gilbert "Brad" (Renee) Bond of Mongo, Indiana; one stepson, Kent Boner of Kendallville; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grand daughter, Elysia Michael in 1999; brothers, Don and Harry Ducy and Albert Boise; sisters, Margaret Spurduti, Doris Chamberlin and Marjorie Ella Boise and five infant siblings.

Visitation will be Wednesday, June 4, 2008, from 3:00-7:00pm and Thursday one hour before the funeral service at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Ken Weaver.

Burial will be at Brighton Cemetery in Brighton, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Parkview-Noble Hospice.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Donald E. Wilson, 88

MESA, Ariz. — Former Noble County Commissioner Donald E. Wilson, 88, of Mesa and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, May 25, 2008, in Mesa.

Mr. Wilson had also served on the Noble County Community Fair Board of Directors.

He had been a farmer and also drove a bus for the Avilla School and for the East Noble football and basketball teams.

Following his retirement, Mr. Wilson and has wife, Maxine, moved to a cottage at Cedar Lake near Howe and later to Holliday Village in Mesa.

Mr. Wilson was a former member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was a graduate of Avilla High School.

He was born March 23, 1920, on the family farm on Waits Road to Arthur and Olivia (Todd) Wilson. He married Maxine Schwab on May 31, 1941. She died in June 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Joyce Whan and Diann and Jerry Stienbarger, all of Kendallville, and Suzanne and Michael Flagg of Rolling Prairie; five grandchildren, Terri Keck of Phoenix, Ariz., Tracey Whan of Fort Wayne, Todd Whan of Lexington, Ky., Matt Flagg of New Carlisle and Jason Flagg of Mill Creek; nine grandchildren, Kevinn Keck, Jeremy Keck, Emma Whan, Nicolas Whan, Cliff Hannan, Callie Lehman, Braydon Flagg, Jayden Flagg and Morgan Flagg; and a sister, Ruth Pepple of Kendallville.

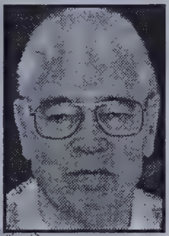
He was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Paul Whan.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 5, 2008, Thursday

Richard Childs

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, Texas — Richard "Dick" William Childs, 70, of North Richland Hills, Texas, and formerly of Auburn, died April 20, 2008.


Mr. Childs

Mr. Childs retired from Dana Corp. of Fort Wayne and Siemens Corp. of Arlington, Texas.

He was a graduate of Ashley High School and graduated with honors from Indiana Vocational Technical College in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Good Shepherd Catholic Community of Colleyville, Texas, and Knights of Columbus Council 8512. He was a former member of the Air National Guard at Fort Wayne, the Fort Wayne Corvette Club, Cowtown Corvette Club of Fort Worth, Texas, and the National Council of Corvette Clubs. He was a former Texas real estate broker.

He was born Nov. 9, 1937, in Kendallville to Herbert K. and Thelma L. (Wright) Childs.

His wife, Mary Sebert, survives in North Richland Hills.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Angela Childs; a daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Walter Busch; three grandchildren, Alexander and Zachary Childs and Walter Adam Busch, all of North Richland Hills; a brother and sister-in-law, Jay B. and Esther Childs of McHenry, Ill.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jeane and Robert Rhinesmith of San Diego, Calif., and Mary Doom of Evansville; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Corunna Cemetery with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Lewy Body Dementia (LBDA), P.O. Box 451429, Atlanta, GA 31145-9429.

Delores May

WAWAKA — Delores J. May of Wawaka died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at the Laurels of Waterloo.

Mrs. May was a homemaker.

She enjoyed reading, music, spending time with her grandchildren and sitting on her front porch.

She was born in Welch, W.Va., to Henry and Berley (Frazer) Harman.

She married Chester May on April 28, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Wayne May of Albion, James May of Kendallville and Ronald May of Brimfield; six grandchildren, Tyson, Jamie, Chris, Gary, Michael and Kayley; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bonnie Jackson of Maine.

She was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Dickson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Shirley McPheeters

GARRETT — Shirley McPheeters, 79, of Garrett died Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. McPheeters worked as a winder at Electric Motors and Specialties of Garrett for 30 years, retiring in 2000.

She attended Garrett Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born May 28, 1929, in Helmer to Floyd and Dolly Barkey.

On Feb. 24, 1968, in Garrett she married Maurice McPheeters Sr. He survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Teri McPheeters of Hamilton Lake; a stepson, Maurice McPheeters Jr. of Garrett; a brother, Dale Barkey of Columbia City; and two stepgranddaughters, Rachel Martin and Nicole McPheeters, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jola Rowe; a brother, Warren Barkey; and a sister, Joann Hovater.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Bill Hambright officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

To send a condolence or sign an online register book, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 5, 2008, Thursday

Robert Bell

SHIPSHEWANA — Robert G. "Bob" Bell, 64, of Shipshewana died at 5:41 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2008, at Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento, Calif., after an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Bell

Mr. Bell was a truck driver for Logistics By Bontreger of Bristol.

He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

He served in the U.S. Army in Germany.

Mr. Bell was a Corvette enthusiast.

He was born Nov. 15, 1943, in Des Moines, Iowa, to William and Ruth (Gray) Bell. He married Joyce Herschberger on Oct. 27, 1973, in Middlebury. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy and Donald Mattinson of Ogden, Utah, and Kristi Vandiver of Ligonier; three sons, Jake and Danielle Bell of Shipshewana, Rob Bell of Idaho and Jim Bell of Utah; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don and Helen Bell of Buffalo, N.Y., and Bill and Vicky Bell of Constantine, Mich.; and a sister, Linda and Harry Sutherland of Constantine, Mich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Donald Chesher officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury. Pallbearers will be Dan Schwartz, Steve Sabo, Dennis Kantz, Glen Jackson, Jerry Stansburg, Charlie Hedrick, Jeoff Mullins and Tom Bontreger. Honorary pallbearers will be his grandsons, Jeremy Vandiver, Patrick Vandiver, Justun Mattinson, Cody Mattinson, Sean Mattison, Austyn Mattinson, Collin Bell and Ryan Bell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Michiana Baptist Camp at Shipshewana.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

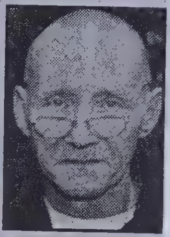
Gerhard Krull

ROME CITY — Gerhard J. Krull, 99, of Rome City died Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Kenneth Poling

HOWE — Kenneth D. "Tom" Poling, 55, of Howe died at 1:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at his home following a short battle with cancer.


Mr. Poling

Mr. Poling had worked at Mastercraft in LaGrange.

He was a Vietnam War veteran.

Mr. Poling enjoyed reading about and studying World War II and was a Dallas Cowboys football fan.

He was born May 10, 1953, in Fort Wayne to Glen and Betty (Sweet) Poling. He married Betty Whitlock on Oct. 4, 1997, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Susan Wilson of Howe and Candra Gose of Wolcottville; a son, Mike Gose of Topeka; a brother, Pete Poling of Auburn; a sister, Marsha Ells of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Glenda Poling.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Chaplain Brain Carsten of Cameron Hospice and Deacon Phil Stewart of Stroh United Baptist Church officiating.

Military rites will be conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Burial will be at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net and a video tribute is available at carneyfrostfuneralhome.com.

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Jacqueline George

ANGOLA — Jacqueline A. George, 72, of Angola died Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Lakeland Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. George worked at Robinair, Angola, retiring in 1998. She attended St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

She married Franklin W. George on July 11, 1964. He survives.

Other survivors include three sons and their spouses, Steven and Debra Mudrack, Bret and Sherry George and Bart and Teresa George, all of Angola; two daughters and their spouses, Denise and Scott Weikel and Missy and Greg Hamer, all of Angola; a brother, John Fey of Adams Lake; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Mudrack, whom she married on Nov. 10, 1963.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will follow in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

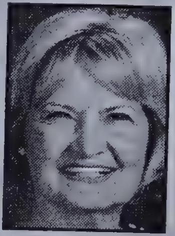
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials may be made to St. Anthony New Church Fund.

Anne Ransburg

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Anne Ransburg, 60, died at her home in San Diego, Calif., on Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

Mrs. Ransburg grew up on West Felicity Street in Angola and graduated from Angola High School in 1966. She continued her education at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., where she received her Bachelor of Arts in English in 1970.



Mrs. Ransburg

She taught high school English for three years in Grand Blanc, Mich., before marrying Carl Ransburg in 1973 following his graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. They settled in San Diego.

Mrs. Ransburg was an English teacher for 37 years and was considered by many a pioneer in the classroom. She enjoyed flea markets, galleries, vintage clothing boutiques and family-owned restaurants.

She was born Anne Windsor Hartman on March 14, 1948, to Dr. John and Miriam Hartman in Ann Arbor, Mich. Her father survives.

Also surviving are her husband; two daughters, Meredith Lamont and Erin Ransburg; son-in-law Kristopher Lamont; siblings John S. Hartman, Jeanne Licata, Karl Hartman and their spouses and children.

She was preceded in death by her mother, who died in April of this year.

A celebration of Ransburg's life was held at The Chapel at Glen Abbey Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association — ALS Division 4719 Viewridge Ave., Suite 100, San Diego CA 92123; www.als-mda.org.

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Arthur Forbes

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Arthur "A. J." Forbes, 71, of Bluffton, Ohio, and formerly of Pleasant Lake died at his residence on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Forbes

He was a retired Union Carpenter out of Local 232 in Fort Wayne. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, Indiana University basketball, bird watching and playing cards with family and friends.

He was born June 17, 1936, in LaGrange County, the son of Clarence and Gladys Forbes. He married Marcia Wiler on Aug. 10, 1957, and she survives.

He also is survived by two daughters, Teri Jo of Pleasant Lake, and Tami of Bluffton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Billy W. and Delores of Kendallville and Scott and Beth of Pleasant Lake; a brother, James Forbes of Kendallville; and five granddaughters, Katie and Lauren Forbes, Terra Pueschel and Trisha and Trina Bauman; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rheta; and brothers Keith, Duane and Jerry.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Preferred memorials to Putnam County Hospice: 139 Court Street, P. O. Box 312, Ottawa, Ohio 45875.

Arrangements are by Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, Bluffton.

Voneta Stemen

FORT WAYNE — Voneta (Diehm) Stemen, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stemen was a Fort Wayne native.

She was a switchboard operator and receptionist with American Hoist & Derrick Co.

Mrs. Stemen was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a sister, Madeline Hawk of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Madeline Diehm of Albion; and a niece, Cindy Leatherman of Albion.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert, Ohio.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Richard Crosby Sr.

AUBURN — Richard Crosby Sr., 56, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at his home.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Crosby was employed at Courier in Kendallville for two years and previously worked at Kraft Foods for five years.

Mr. Crosby Sr.

His hobby was cooking, and he was a fan of the Florida State University Seminoles. He had two pet dogs, Jake and Jasmine.

Surviving are his wife, Debra Crosby of Auburn; two sons, Stephen Crosby of Kendallville and Christopher Crosby of Florida; three sisters, Judy Nash of Dayton, Ohio, Nancy Crosby of Tampa, Fla., and Linda Speece of South Carolina; three brothers, William of Virginia, Tim of Indiana and Tom of Pennsylvania; and his ex-wife, Karen Pebbles of Florida.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lou Crosby.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

Robert Hooley

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Robert Daniel Hooley, 75, of Montgomery, Mich., formerly of Middlebury, died Saturday, May 31, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Hooley

Mr. Hooley was a truck driver and farmed a small farm, transported Amish neighbors around for trips and worked at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola as a custodian for a number of years.

He was a foster parent for over 15 years. He was a graduate of Middlebury High School and enjoyed gardening and tractors. He was a 27-year member of Fairview Missionary Church and was a Sunday school teacher, deacon and was involved in the Jubilee Fellowship.

He was born Jan. 4, 1933, in Middlebury to Daniel and Bessie (Miller) Hooley. He married Wanda Hartman on Nov. 19, 1955, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Dawn and Scott Granger of Pensacola, Fla.; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jerry Lynn Hooley and former daughter-in-law Janine of Anderson, Dennis and Rae Lynn Hooley of Holland, Mich., Kevin and Rita Hooley of Byron, Mich., and Robert Jr. and Sandy Hooley of Sterling Heights, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn and Jerry Rodman of Angola; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Lavera Hooley of Middlebury, Larry and Marilyn Hooley of Shipshewana and Randall and Jacque Hooley of Middlebury.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Neva Graber and Marilyn Eicher, and three brothers, Harold, John and Maurice Hooley.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, with the Rev. Norm Fuller officiating. Burial was in California Township Cemetery in Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Condolences may be sent to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Barbara Halsey

ALBION — Barbara Ann Halsey, 74, of Albion died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at her home.

She worked at Tokheim in Albion, Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla and Central Noble Schools in Albion. She had been the head cook at Albion Apostolic Campgrounds since 1975.

Mrs. Halsey was a charter member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, in Albion, where she served as treasurer for more than 50 years.

She was born Oct. 4, 1933, in Kentucky to Hayden and Ethel Logan. She married Elbert J. Halsey in Farmers, Ky., on June 18, 1950. He preceded her in death on April 19, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and son-in-law, Sherry and the Rev. Benny Archer of Albion, Lisa and the Rev. Casey Jones Jr. of Westmont, Ill., and Dawn and the Rev. Kevin Jones of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Kay Halsey; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda "Lexi" and Tat Rome of Kenner, La.; a brother and sister-in-law, Ivan "Sonny" and Hazel Logan of Morehead, Ky.; nine grandchildren, the Rev. Kevin Archer of Cooper City, Fla., Shay Rowe of Garrett, Marisa Archer of Albion, Josh Halsey of Ligonier, Jeremy Jeremy II of Albion, Nathan Jones of Albion, Danee' Jones of Albion, DeAnna Jones of Albion and Alexander Jones of Westmont; and 10 great-grandchildren, KaLeigh and Kaedon Archer of Cooper City, Fla., Derrick and Alexandria Rowe of Garrett, Alexius, Morgan and Olivia Halsey of Ligonier, and Jeremy II, Ty and Cameron Halsey of Albion.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Kevin Michael Halsey and the Rev. Steven Elbert Halsey.

Services were May 26 at The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, 1008 E. South St, Albion, with the Rev. Benny L. Archer officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

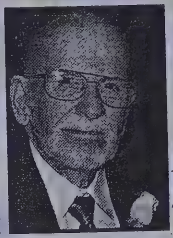
Memorials are to The Church of Jesus Christ, Apostolic, Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Lester Bontrager

LAGRANGE — Lester M. Bontrager, 64, of LaGrange died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange as the result of a stroke that he had suffered on Sunday.

Mr. Bontrager had worked 11 years as a press operator for S & H Metal in Topeka.


Mr. Thomas Sr.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Sept. 16, 1943, in Sturgis, Mich., to Manas and Ida (Yoder) Bontrager. He married Edna Weaver on Oct. 24, 1963, in LaGrange. She survives

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Orville Bontrager, Calvin Bontrager and Paul and LeEtta Bontrager all of LaGrange, and Kenny and Edna Bontrager of Topeka; 15 grandchildren; a brother sister-in-law, Ora and Susie Bontrager of Ligonier; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Olen Miller of Shipshewana, Fannie and Freeman Mast of Utica, Ohio, Mary and Mel Mullett of Topeka and Loretta and Marvin Kemp of Nappanee.

He was preceded in death by twin grandsons and a sister, Lizzie Mullett.

Services were Sunday at the Mervin Hochstetler residence, LaGrange with Bishop John Mishler and home ministers officiating. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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William Thomas Sr.

KIMMELL — William G. Thomas Sr., 83, of Kimmell, died Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

Born Oct. 7, 1924, in Fort Wayne, he was a World War II Army veteran. He was a retired home builder and member of Sugar Grove Church of God, where he served as an elder, trustee and superintendent and enjoyed men's brotherhood group and ice cream socials. He also attended Ormas Baptist Church.

Mr. Thomas enjoyed woodworking, playing the harmonica and helping others.

He married Pearl Mae Grabach on Oct. 7, 1944, and she preceded him in death in 1993. On Jan. 6, 1996, he married Peg (Berkes) Earnhart, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Roxanne Thomas and Dave and Renee Thomas, all of Columbia City; three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Jim Heath of Columbia City, Lynn and Kevin Bricker of Athens, Wis., and Audrey and Dan Barton of Vevay; two stepchildren and their spouses, Randy and Cathy Earnhart of Fort Wayne and Cindy and Roger Niles of Syracuse; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters.

Services wereSunday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Sugar Grove Benevolent Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.covingtonmemorial.com.

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Gerhard Krull

ROME CITY — Gerhard John Krull, 99, of Rome City died at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where he had resided since Jan. 4.

Mr. Krull

Mr. Krull retired from farm management at Kneipp Springs in Rome City after 45 years of service.

He served 16 years on the Orange Township Advisory Board and 12 years on the Noble County Board of Health.

Mr. Krull was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City and a member of the Rome City Lions Club for more than 40 years. He was also active in several agricultural associations.

Mr. Krull graduated from high school in Germany and attended a private agriculture school there. He came to the United States on May 10, 1930, and soon settled in the Rome City area. He attended Purdue University.

He was born Jan, 2, 1909, in Lorup, Germany, to Rudolph and Helena (Eggering) Krull. He married Eileen Catherine Ihrie on Feb. 2, 1940, in Kendallville. She preceded him in death on Feb. 23, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Larry Edwards of Rome City, Barbara and Dan Tatman of Rome City, and Betty and Al Olry of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Kay Krull of Winchester, Ky., Dr. David J. and Sandy Krull of Palmetto, Fla., and Richard F. and Karna Krull of LaGrange; 21 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Gesina Pohladel of Lorup, Germany.

He was preceded in death by a brother and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, 10871 N S.R. 9, Rome City, with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers will be John Edwards, Mike Edwards, Bob Edwards, Rick Krull, Matt Tatman, Josh Dukehart, Tom Dukehart and Christopher Edwards.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Gaspar Catholic Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Harold Miller

LIGONIER — Harold P. "Popeye" Miller, 80, of Ligonier died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Greencroft Health Care Facility in Goshen.

Mr. Miller had retired from Silgan Plastics after 31 years of service. He was a self-employed carpenter.

He had been a member of the Ligonier Church of Christ for more than 30 years. Serving others brought him joy.

Mr. Miller enjoyed being outdoors, gardening, riding his motorcycle and camping.

He was born Nov. 23, 1927, in Kimmell to Calvin and Bessie (Hamman) Miller. He married Barbara Doebler on March 28, 1981. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Jennene Miller of Kansas and Calvin "Phil" Miller II and Ellen Miller of Texas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary and Ed Herron of Hampton, Va., and Vicki Curtis of Bakersfield, Calif.; two stepsons and their wives, Joe and Melissa Denton of Milford and Nathaniel and Jackie Denton of Hampton, Va.; a sister, Arnelda Losee of Syracuse; 24 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley (Schroeder) Miller in 1961, and an infant son, Victor Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Ligonier Church of Christ, 9025N. C.R. 860W, Ligonier, with the Rev. Mel Harrell officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of Christ.

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Carl Mettler

AUBURN — Carl D. Mettler, 65, of Auburn died Thursday, June 5, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Mettler worked for Eaton Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1999.

He was born Feb. 13, 1943, in Wauseon, Ohio.

He married Iva L. Brandon on Feb. 16, 1962, in Pioneer, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Eileen (Bordner) Mettler Brandt of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Lisa Mettler of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Roxana Mettler of Pittsford, Mich., Jeanette and Rick Conn of Garrett and Loretta and Ron Walters of Waterloo; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Christine Mettler of Kissimmee, Fla.; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beverly and David Norris of Fayetteville, N.C., and Cheryll and Lee Garrett of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard A. Mettler.

Services will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Mike Wilder officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 1-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Delores May

WAWAKA — Delores J. May, 74, of Wawaka died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at the Laurels of Waterloo.

Mrs. May was a homemaker.

She enjoyed reading, music, spending time with her grandchildren and sitting on her front porch.

She was born Sept. 8, 1934, in Welch, W.Va., to Henry and Berley (Frazer) Harman.

She married Chester May on April 28, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Wayne May of Albion, James May of Kendallville and Ronald May of Brimfield; six grandchildren, Tyson, Jamie, Chris, Gary, Michael and Kayley; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bonnie Jackson of Maine.

She was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Dixon officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Fred Schultz

LIGONIER — Fred M. Schultz, 75, of Ligonier died at 8:23 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Radio museum curator Fred Schultz dies

LIGONIER — Fred M. "Fritz" Schultz, 75, of Ligonier, the founder and manager of WNRL-FM radio in Ligonier, died at 8:23 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Schultz moved to Ligonier in 1960 from Wheatfield. He worked as a conservation officer for the Jasper-Pulaski County Game Preserve from 1954-1959. From 1960-1980, he worked for the Indiana State Police as a communications officer. He also operated Fritz TV and Indiana Antenna Supply in Ligonier since 1969.

Mr. Schultz was the founder and manager of Ligonier radio station WNRL, 105.9 FM, until the station was recently donated to West Noble High School.

Mr. Schultz was a lifetime member of the Church of Christ in Wheatfield. A licensed ham radio operator since 1954, he was also a member of the Indiana Historical Radio Society, the Michigan Antique Radio Club, the Illinois Antique Radio Club, AWA National Tube Collectors Club and the Indiana State Police Pioneer Association. He had been curator of the Ligonier Historical Radio Museum since 1993 and had served on the board of the Ligonier Visitors Center. He was the 1997 Ligonier Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Schultz

Surviving are his wife, Gladys, of Ligonier; two sons, Michael L. Schultz of Ligonier and Mark A. (Hayley) Schultz of Kendallville; a daughter, Mary A. Schultz of Ligonier; a brother, Gilbert "Tim" (Terry) Schultz; a sister, Norma Schultz Hackney; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcella L. Schultz.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor John Lutton officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-6 p.m.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Former LaGrange Sheriff Donald Pilz dies

LAGRANGE — Former LaGrange County Sheriff Donald L. Pilz, 58, of rural Wolcottville died at 4:43 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, after suffering a heart attack near LaGrange.

Mr. Pilz served as sheriff from 1975 to 1979.

He was a disabled veteran.

He was a highly-decorated Vietnam War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Purple Heart Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation. After being wounded three times in combat, he received the Gold Star Award.

Mr. Pilz enjoyed the outdoors, being on the lake and fishing.

Mr. Pilz

He was born April 18, 1950, at Fort Knox, Ky., to Gilbert and Beulah (Turner) Pilz.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Melissa Pilz of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Rigel and Sean Griffith of San Diego, Calif.; three brothers, Charles Johnson of Blanchester, Ohio, and Owen Johnson and Sam Johnson, both of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Mae Calvin and Shirley Johnson, both of Goshen, Ohio; and two granddaughters, Kayla and Amanda Pilz, both of Wawaka.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Ken Weaver of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange officiating. Military rites will be conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Cremation will follow, with burial at a later date.

Memorials are to the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Roberta Yowell

AUBURN — Roberta A. Yowell, 62, of Auburn died Friday, June 6, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She operated a forklift at Auburn Foundry for 27 years before retiring in 1999.

She was born Sept. 23, 1945, in Auburn to Remelius L. and Esther M. (Burns) Yowell.

Surviving are a brother, Sheridan L. Yowell of Fort Wayne; a twin sister and brother-in-law, Roeiene E. and Ted Dickson of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Ethel M. and Lyle Freed of Angola; three nephews, John Dickson, Jason Dickson and Richard Yowell; seven nieces, Marie Smith, Deb Wisman, Tami Snyder, Nicole Sholl, Malinda Lilly, Malissa Dickson and Kim Yowell; and 10 great-nephews and great-nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard E. Yowell.

Graveside services will be Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Dialysis Center.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Eunice Rennecker

AUBURN — Eunice Rennecker, 95, died Friday, June 6, 2008, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Rennecker was a homemaker. She was a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

She was born Jan. 9, 1913, in DeKalb County to Ralph and Audry Pearl (Roland) Harding.

She married Harvey Rennecker on March 25, 1950, in Auburn. He died April 4, 2008.

Surviving are a son, Will Rennecker of Auburn; and a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Wilma Harding of Hicksville, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Roland Harding.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Corunna Cemetery. The Rev. Paul Stauffer will officiate.

Memorials are to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association or Heifer Project International.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Madonna Keene

LAGRANGE — Madonna J. Keene, 75, of Mongo, died Thursday, June 5, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Rosemary Wolff

BUTLER — Rosemary L. Wolff, 68, of Butler and formerly of Kendallville died Friday, June 6, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Marvin and Priscilla Green

FREMONT — A memorial service will be held for Marvin and Priscilla (Miller) Green Saturday, June 14, at 1 p.m. in the Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church. Relatives and friends of the family are invited. The church is located three miles north of Fremont at the corner of Fremont Road and Southern Road. Priscilla Green did last December. Marvin Green died in 2006.

Social time will follow in the community building. The event is being hosted by the couple's children, Connie Crooks, Jeffrey Green and Cynthia Green.

Christopher Wetzel

LAGRANGE — Christopher M. Wetzel, 38, of LaGrange died unexpectedly at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, in Sturgis.

Mr. Wetzel was born June 10, 1969, in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Kellie, of LaGrange; his father, Barry Wetzel of Fort Wayne; his mother, Elaine Wetzel of Fort Wayne; two sons, Garret and Dalton Wetzel, at home; six daughters, Brandy, Jessie, Codi, Nicole, McKenzie and Alexis Wetzel, all at home; a brother, Jim Wetzel of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Lynn Arnold of Fort Wayne and Dawn Wetzel Sexton of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1122 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-6 p.m. at the Church of Christ in LaGrange.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Shirley Myers

COLUMBIA CITY — Shirley Ruth Myers, 80, of Etna Troy Township, died at 7:55 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

She was born Aug. 31, 1927, in Kosciusko County to Fred and Olive (Ivans) Long. Her formative years were spent in Kosciusko County and Illinois.

Mrs. Myers

On July 19, 1952, she married Claude V. Myers. They made their home in Leesburg until 1960 when they moved to a farm in Etna Troy Township, Whitley County. Mr. Myers died Jan. 12, 2001.

She was employed at Liberty Café in Warsaw for over five years, United Telephone Co. for over four years and Walker's Tennaco Automotive for eight years, retiring in 1993.

Her memberships included Etna United Methodist Church and formerly the Rebekah Lodge in Etna.

Surviving are five daughters, Wendy G. Myers, Brenda J. and Richard Boles, and Cindy L. Myers, all of Columbia City, Deborah A. and Louis Slabach of Shipshewana, and Phyllis J. and Larry Wright of Plymouth; four sons, Steve G. and Patty Myers of Syracuse, Daniel A. Myers and Robert I. Myers, both of Etna, and H. Lee and Joyce Myers of Lafayette; 27 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; two half sisters, Verna Hathaway and Vera Drudge, both of Pierceton; and two stepbrothers, William F. Long and Russell H. Long, both of Warsaw.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by twin great-grandsons; a great-granddaughter; two brothers, Ivin Cole and Franklin Cole; a stepbrother, John R. Long; and two stepsisters, Mary Lou Long and Aletha Caudill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Karen Biddle, pastor of Etna United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery, Wilmot.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Etna United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Anna Schrock

MIDDLEBURY — Anna M. Schrock, 93, of Middlebury died at 7:05 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2008, at her residence after a brief illness.

Mrs. Schrock was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 6, 1915, in Shipshewana to Menno J. and Susie (Miller) Bontreger. On Nov. 19, 1939, she married Samuel J. Schrock. He preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1995.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Ernest and Emma Schrock of Goshen, Eli and Mary Schrock of LaGrange, Alvin and Ruby Schrock of Middlebury, William and Loretta Schrock of Cambria, Wis., and Samuel and Ida Schrock of Cambria, Wis.; six daughters, Susie and David Bontreger of LaPlata, Mo., Lydian and Amos Schwartz of Pardeeville, Wis., Katie Schrock of Middlebury, Mary and Alvin Miller of Middlebury, Lizzie and Harley Lehman of Goshen, Fannie and Alvin Mishler of LaGrange; 84 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren, 226 great-grandchildren, 50 stepgreat-grandchildren, 66 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Elmer and Lydia Bontreger of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two grandchildren, a stepgrandchild, six great-grandchildren, a stepgreat-grandchild, a son-in-law, David Bontrager, two brothers, Eli and David Bontreger; and two sisters, Molly Miller and Fannie Gingerich.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Lonnie Lambright residence, 1910 N. C.R. 1150W, Middlebury, with Bishop Samuel E. Bontrager and home minister officiating. Burial will be in the New Pennsylvania Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Gladys Barnhart

CHURUBUSCO — Gladys Lucile Barnhart, 88, a former resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County and widow of widely acquainted Noble County farmer and auctioneer Clarence A. Barnhart, died at 12:12 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at the residence of her daughter in Elkhart.

Mrs. Barnhart

She had resided in an assisted living facility and later in a nursing facility in Fort Wayne, before being taken to her daughter's home on Saturday.

Mrs. Barnhart was born on Feb. 26, 1920, in Swan Township in Noble County, a daughter of Elmer and Nellie A. (Bosler) Pepple. She spent her formative years in that community, attended LaOtto School, and graduated from Huntertown High School.

On Jan. 1, 1943, she married Clarence A. Barnhart, and spent all of her adult life on the Barnhart family farm in Green Township before moving into assisted living.

A former employee at the Churubusco School cafeteria, she had also worked at Mutual Security Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne, and retired as an executive secretary for Churubusco State Bank in 1985. She was an expert seamstress, and had a "green thumb."

She was a charter member and deacon emeritus of the Agape Church of the Brethren, north of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Barnhart preceded her in death on June 6, 2002.

Surviving are her two children, Nancy (Bart) Lefever of Elkhart, and William (Kathy) Barnhart of Churubusco; a sister, Catherine (Leon) Clingenpeel of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, with pastors Jeff Copp and Tim Scroggs officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-7 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46818; or to Care At Home Hospice, 200 High Park Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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True patriot loved life, people, his country

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Edward Proksa and his wife, Raynell, are surrounded by family members at a reunion three years ago. Ed, a decorated World War II veteran, died May 19 at the age of 86.

BY VIV SADE ROSSWURM
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AUBURN — Everyone who knew Edward "Ed" Proksa of Auburn knew one thing for certain — Ed was a true patriot.

"He loved people, he loved life and he loved his country," said Carrie Schlink, a longtime neighbor of Ed and Raynell Proksa.

Ed Proksa died May 19 at the age of 86.

Because he was more than 6 feet tall, his daughter, Leslie Proksa of Indianapolis, remembers him as a "John Wayne" figure. Ed Proksa enjoyed taking his family to the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair in Auburn and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival.

Leslie remembers the time she rode a pony at the fair and was thrown off.

"Dad made sure I got right back on, so that I would not be afraid to ride," she said.

When Don Brines and his wife, Jackie, moved to Auburn in 1976, it was Ed and his first wife, Martha "Jane" — who died of cancer in 1988 — who made them fall in love with the community.

"Auburn was typical of most small towns and did not make it easy to get acquainted with the community," Don Brines said. But Brines attended the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn where the couple were welcomed with open arms by Ed and Jane Proksa.

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"They got us involved in everything and were instrumental in us liking the community we lived in," Brines said.

Schlink said every time she was out in her yard and Ed saw her, he would stop by and give her a big hug and tell her what great neighbors they were.

Schlink and her husband, Phil, have two sons, Alex, 14, and Benjamin, 8. Ed Proksa gave Alex his first job — mowing lawns — and encouraged the boy in all of his Boy Scout endeavors.

"He told Alex that when he became an Eagle Scout, he would give him his own 1930 Boy Scout knife," Carrie Schlink said.

Ed Proksa was born May 29, 1921, in Chicago to Joseph and Katherine (Surin) Proksa. Three years later, they had another son, George.

Ed and George joined the Navy, and both became pilots during World War II. George was on a training mission off the coast of New Jersey when his plane crash-landed in the Atlantic Ocean. His body was never recovered.

At a Memorial Day service in 2006 in Auburn, where he was the guest speaker, Proksa said he could never hear "Taps" without getting tears in his eyes or thinking of George.

Ed Proksa served 24 years of active duty in the Navy, including during World War II, and reserve duty, retiring in 1977 with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Leslie accompanied her father and Raynell to the dedication of the new World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., on May 29, 2004. It was Ed's 83rd birthday.

"It was a terrific experience, and he loved every moment of that trip," Leslie Proksa said.

Former Auburn Mayor John Foley first met Ed Proksa in 1947, when they both joined the Auburn Jaycees. They remained friends throughout the years, both serving in local government and on the DeKalb County Aviation Board together.

"He was a gentleman and a leader of everything he got involved in," Foley said of Proksa.

Ed was a past president of the DeKalb County Aviation Board, serving on that board for 24 years.

Foley remembers Ed was chairman of the board when the DeKalb County Airport runway was extended to its present length.

"We were there and got the FAA grants to build it up to what is today," Foley said. "Ed loved aviation. He was a very nice guy, and I liked him very much."

Ed earned a living as an agent distributor for Mobil Oil, and his children often would hang out at the Mobil office while their dad was working, Leslie remembers. Ed worked there for 38 years, retiring in 1977.

He and his wife, Jane, had seven daughters, including Leslie, Patricia, Mary Lou, Laura, Betty, Susan and Shawn. After Jane died, Ed later married Raynell Sibery in 1990. She brought two sons to the union, Ross and Rod Sibery. When he died, Ed was the proud grandpa of 19 and great-grandfather of 14.

Many summers the family vacationed at Crystal Lake in Michigan, where Ed was adamant that all of his children learn how to swim.

Wherever he was involved — the Aviation Board, Jaycees, Auburn City Council, Board of Public Works and Safety, Auburn Rotary, Hoosier Warbirds, the American Legion, Scottish Rite, Mizpah or Flying Shriners, Hoosier Warbirds or at a church or family event — Ed Proksa made an indelible impression on all who met him. When he retired, he continued to embrace life through his travels in his recreational vehicle.

"Dad loved the RV life," Leslie Proksa said. "He went on many trips to the east and west coasts, wintering in Florida. He would stop by friend's homes and naval reunions."

As longtime neighbor Carrie Schlink summed up, "Ed loved people, he loved life, and he loved his country."

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Joshua Rodesiler

GOSHEN — Joshua Rodesiler, 19, of Goshen died Saturday, June 7, 2008, as a result of injuries in a traffic accident.

He worked at Greenleaf Landscape Services in Goshen, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Goshen.

He was a 2007 graduate of Goshen High School and had just completed his first year at Ivy Tech Community College in Terre Haute.

He was born Dec. 20, 1988, in Indianapolis to Chris Rodesiler and Cindy (Green) Howard.

Surviving are his father and stepmother Chris and Christina Rodesiler of Coldwater, Mich.; his mother and stepfather, Cindy and Ron Howard of Goshen; two brothers, Colfax Cannaday of Goshen and Spencer Rodesiler of Coldwater; a sister, Samantha Rodesiler of Coldwater; maternal grandparents, Joe and Peggy Green of Terre Haute; and paternal grandparents, John and Cheryl Rodesiler of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church, Goshen, with Pastors Ed and Brenda Fritz officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorials are to the family.

Rosemary Wolff

BUTLER — Rosemary L. Wolff, 68, of Butler and formerly of Kendallville, died at 8:47 a.m. Friday, June 6, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She had resided there for three months and previously had been at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wolff was a lifetime area resident. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1957. She managed the Elks Lodge restaurant, worked at the V&A Restaurant in Kendallville and Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn.

She attended the Lutheran church.

She was born Aug. 24, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Carl Sr. and Luzina (Fisher) Rose.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Debra Wainright of Gilbert, S.C., Diana and Mark Boots of Wolcottville and Cindy Pfafman of Avilla; a son, Martin Wolff of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Jessica Rogers, Jenna Ross, Samantha Boots, Michael Wolff and Kenny Pfafman; a brother, Carl Rose Jr. of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

Eleven brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with Chaplain Roger W. Olson of Shepherd of the Hill officiating.

There is no calling.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Stuart Ringler

PLEASANT LAKE — Stuart Earl Ringler, 61, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Ringler

He was a farmer and owned Blue Cold Refrigeration and Repair, Pleasant Lake. He attended Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church.

He was born June 18, 1946, in Garrett to Earl and Rowena (Hughes) Ringler. He married Donna J. McConahay Aug. 17, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving is a daughter, Rachel Ringler, at home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church with Pastor Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will be at Mount Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to Johnson@bnin.net

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Madonna Keene

LAGRANGE — Madonna Joan (Chapman) Keene, 75, of Mongo, died at 8:40 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Keene

Mrs. Keene was a homemaker, enjoyed her pet dog and donated to the animal shelter and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

She was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Kendallville to Willard Gary and Wilma Bell (Flint) Chapman. She married Burley Thomas Keene Sr. May 3, 1983. He survives in Mongo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Edward and Sandy Keck of Mongo and Richard Sheldon Keck Jr. of Washington; three daughters and a son-in-law, Judy Lee and Phil Burlew of Mongo, Dianna Lee Smith of Washington and Ramona Louise Honaker of Mongo; a stepson, Burley Thomas Keene Jr. of Butler; three stepdaughters, Reva Ashley, Rosetta Smith and Olivia Keene, all of Hindman, Ky.; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Gary Earl Chapman Sr.; and a grandson, Derek Sheldon Keck.

Private family services will be held. Cremation will take place. Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter, 530E C.R. 300S, LaGrange IN 46761 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

E-mail condolences to Carneyfrost@eathlink.net.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

(This obituary is being reprinted with additional information from the funeral home.)

Roberta Yowell

AUBURN — Roberta A. Yowell, 62, of Auburn died Friday, June 6, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She operated a fork lift at Auburn Foundry for 27 years before retiring in 1999.

Surviving are a brother, Sheridan L. Yowell of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, twin sister Roeiene E. and Ted Dickson of Auburn and Ethel M. and Lyle Freed of Angola; three nephews, John Dickson, Jason Dickson and Richard Yowell; seven nieces, Marie Smith, Deb Wisman, Tami Snyder, Nicole Sholl, Malinda Lilly, Malissa Dickson and Kim Yowell; and 10 great nephews and nieces.

Her parents and a brother, Richard E. Yowell, preceded her in death.

Private family graveside services will be Saturday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. Memorials are to the Auburn Dialysis Center, Auburn. Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Amanda Zehr-Stump

LIGONIER — Amanda Christina Zehr-Stump, 88, of Ligonier died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier. Condolences may be sent online at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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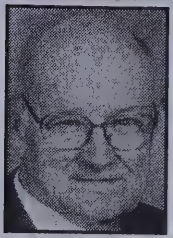
Curtis Lorenzen

PLEASANT LAKE — Curtis G. Lorenzen, 82, of Pleasant Lake, formerly of Fort Wayne and died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Lorenzen

Mr. Lorenzen was retired from the Tokheim Corp., where he worked for 33 years.

He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

He was born to Louise Sandbrink. His stepfather was Ernest Elbrecht. He was married to June A. (Hollenbacher) Lorenzen. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John and Thomas Lorenzen of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Stan Sweeney of Angola, and Karen and Karl Frick of Leo; 10 grandchildren, Kris, Jana, Kara, Erin and Derek Lorenzen, Molly and Marci Sweeney, Grant and Lauren Frick, and Bryson Robuck; special loved ones Sandy and Wendy Lorenzen and Kenny White; a sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Armand Blanchard of Beech Grove; and a half brother and his wife, Jerry and Sharon Elbrecht of Aurora, Ill.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Eloise Stipe; a brother, Melvin Lorenzen; stepbrothers, Alvin and Quentin Elbrecht; and a stepsister, Mary Lee Mathews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. Burial will be private in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left at hejohnsonfh.com.

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Stuart Ringler

PLEASANT LAKE — Stuart Earl Ringler, 61, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at his home.

He was a farmer and owned Blue Cold Refrigeration and Repair, Pleasant Lake. He attended Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church.

On June 18, 1946, in Garrett he was born to Earl and Rowena (Hughes) Ringler. He was married on Aug. 17, 1965, to Donna J. McConahay. She survives.

Also surviving at home is a daughter, Rachel Ringler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church with Pastor Lynn Eicher officiating.

Calling will be today at the church.

Burial will be at Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be emailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Stanley Johnson

ANGOLA — Stanley C. Johnson, 57, of Angola died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at this home.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson was a cabinet maker for Grabill Cabinet Co. for 30 years.

He was a member of Angola Christian Church, where he was a member of the Board of Elders. He played the pipe organ, and played at the church. He enjoyed woodworking and working in his flower and vegetable gardens.

He was born Nov. 9, 1950, in Angola to Santford and Evelyn (Tully) Johnson. He married Mary Brooks on Aug. 4, 1979. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by a son, Michael Brooks Johnson of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Chris Guill of Griffith; and a brother, Darrell Johnson of Angola.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Angola Christian Church with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

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Madonna Keene

LAGRANGE — Madonna Joan (Chapman) Keene, 75, of Mongo died at 8:40 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Keene was a homemaker.

Mrs. Keene

She enjoyed her pet dog and donated to the animal shelter and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

She was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Kendallville to Willard Gary and Wilma Bell (Flint) Chapman. She married Burley Thomas Keene Sr. May 3, 1983. He survives in Mongo.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Edward and Sandy Keck of Mongo and Richard Sheldon Keck Jr. of Washington; three daughters and a son-in-law, Judy Lee and Phil Burlew of Mongo, Dianna Lee Smith of Washington and Ramona Louise Honaker of Mongo; a stepson, Burley Thomas Keene Jr. of Butler; three stepdaughters, Reva Ashley, Rosetta Smith and Olivia Keene, all of Hindman, Ky.; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a brother, Gary Earl Chapman Sr.; and a grandson, Derek Sheldon Keck.

Private family services will be held. Cremation will take place.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter, 530E C.R. 300S, LaGrange IN 46761 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to Carneyfrost@eathlink.net.

Dr. George Jeffery

BRONSON, Mich. — Retired veterinarian Dr. George W. Jeffery, 87, of Bronson died Friday, June 6, 2008, at his home following a short illness.

Dr. Jeffery graduated from then Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) School of Veterinary Medicine in 1942.

He practiced veterinary medicine in Bronson, with his wife Mary as his assistant.

He retired in 1980 and then spent every winter in Florida.

Dr. Jeffery was a life member and past president of the Bronson Rotary Club, with more than 50 years of perfect attendance, and was awarded with the Paul Harris Fellowship.

He was also a farmer in Branch County, Mich., and a pecan farmer in Paisley, Fla.

Dr. Jeffery was a charter member and co-founder of the Bronson Kiwanis Club, a long time member of the Bronson school board where he served as secretary-treasurer and served many years on the board of directors of the former Branch County Savings and Loan (now Monarch Community Bank).

He was born July 24, 1920, in Detroit, Mich., to Walter and Hazel (Willson) Jeffery. He married Mary Rendell on July 11, 1942, in Covert, Mich. She died in July, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon Albright of Bronson and Mary Lee and Dan Boter of Grand Haven, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ivan and Nina Jeffery of Reading, Pa., and Alan and Sandy Jeffery of Bronson; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a special friend, Laura Cattell of Bronson; two sisters, Margaret Mallott and Helen Jeffery, both of Jackson, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Geri Jeffery of Quincy, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, David George Jeffery in 1945; and a brother, Harold Jeffery.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with the Rev. Jim McKelvey officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the CHC Hospice.

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Herman Sells

ROME CITY — Herman R. Sells, 61, of Rome City died Sunday, June 8, 2008, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Arnold Reeve

KENDALLVILLE — Arnold "Art" Roy Reeve, 78, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Reeve was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He and his wife owned the Standard service station in Albion for many years.

Mr. Reeve was a U.S. Army veteran. He had been stationed in Alaska.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting, and was also known for cooking Sunday breakfast for his friends.

Mr. Reeve was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246 and a former member of the Albion Rotary Club.

He was born Sept. 6, 1929, in Ligonier to Charles and Althea (Fausnaugh) Reeve. He married Phyllis Pankop on Oct. 27, 1949. She preceded him in death on April 4, 1981.

Surviving are three sons, David (Charlie) Reeve of Pasco, Wash., Danny Reeve of Albion and Dean (Angela) Reeve of Albion; a sister, Marlene Knox of Kimmell; two brothers, Verlin Reeve of Kimmell and Homer Reeve of Ligonier; his longtime companion, Judy Elwood of Kendallville and her children, Jim Clevenger of Kendallvile, Deb Portmess of Albion, and Bonnie Clevenger of Albion; 17 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, LeLand Reeve; a sister, Rose Ann Reeve; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorials are to the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

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Herman Sells

ROME CITY — Herman R. Sells, 61, of Rome City died unexpectedly at 7:28 p.m. Sunday, June 8, 2008, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Sells had lived most of his life in Noble County.

He retired in 1992 from the Fort Wayne Foundry after working there for a number of years.

He attended Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He was born June 9, 1946, in Garrett, Ky., to Curtis and Martha (Coburn) Sells.

Surviving are Kay Frances with whom he made his home for the past 20 years; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Tim Smith of Wolcottville and Kim and Russell Schwarz of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Herman C. Sells Jr. and Anna Sells of Wolcottville and Jimmy R. Sells and Angel Lovins of Rogers, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Anna Mosley of Kendallville and Norman and Deb Sells of Kendallville; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Velma Lorene and R.L. Thompson of Trinity, Texas, Alice Fay and Harlis Hall of Georgetown, Ky., Zeda Hoover of Kendallville, Lucretta Duncan of Martin, Ky., Bonnetta Stacy of Kendallville and Myrie and Dave Trueblood of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren, Jackson Schwarz, Kole Schwarz, Chelsea Sells, Shay Owsley, Zack Sells, Curtis Sells, Corey Sells, T.J. Sells, Nathan Wolfe, Brandon Garrison, John Clawson, Amy Clawson, Timmy Smith, Jeremy Smith, Chad Smith, Corey Smith and Brad Smith; and four great-grandchildren, Noah Owsley, Rebecca Owsley, Faith Godsey and Mary Ann Marie Clawson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Ray Sells, and a sister, Freda Lawson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Harbor of Love Baptist Church, S.R. 3 South, with Pastors Ernie Miller, Charlie Mosley, Phil Lucas and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Honorary pallbearers will be Herman Sells Jr. and Jimmy Ray Sells. Active pallbearers will be Jim Hall, Randol Hall, Marvin Hoover, Brandon Garrison, Harland Smith, Dan Miller, Nathan Wolfe, Dave Trueblood and Zachary Sells.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the church, with evening services at 7 p.m. both nights.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Jeanette Brandt

AUBURN — Jeanette V. (Wiech) Brandt, 97, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Brandt was born in Jaworzno, Poland. She worked as a clerk with G.C. Murphy for 21 years.

Surviving are six daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary Curtis of Evansville, Wyo., Carol Irmscher of Fort Wayne, Sharon and Jack Mettert of Auburn, Marilyn "Bun" and Bill Mettert and Judith Mettert, all of Fort Wayne, and Nancy and Bob Adams of Union, Ky.; a son and daughter-in-law, Herb and Becky Brandt of Larwill; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brandt

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Raymond R. Brandt; her parents, John and Josephine Wiech; three sons-in-law, Basil Curtis, Max G. Irmscher and Paul Mettert; four sisters, Josephine Plank, Estella Lee, Charlotte Miller and Helen Mills; and a grandson, Terry Lee Torbeck.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. The Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Youth for Christ or Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 10, 2008, Tuesday

James Livensparger

EDON, Ohio — James R. Livensparger, 65, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at 4:50 p.m. in his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Livensparger was a member of the 1960 class of Edon High School. He was employed by Thiel Construction and Supply Center for 25 years, retiring as manager of the supply center.

He was a member of the Columbia Church of Christ near Edon, Ohio, where he served as a deacon, elder and treasurer. He was also a charter member of the Lake Area Christian Church near Fremont. He served three terms on the Edon Northwest School Board and was formerly a Pony League baseball coach.

He was born Dec. 18, 1942, near Edon to Orville and Bessie (Smith) Livensparger.

He married Sharon K. Schaffter on Oct. 27, 1962, in Bryan, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Bobbi and Mark Jackson of Edon, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Kelly Livensparger of Montpelier, Ohio; four grandchildren, Megan and Kara Jackson of Edon and Shea and Keean Livensparger of Montpelier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Paul Pawlikowski of Holland, Mich., and Helen and Orren Van Zile of Montpelier, Ohio; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Mary Livensparger of Hamilton, Marlin and Karol Livensparger of Edon and Stuart and DeAnn Livensparger, of Littleton, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Weldon and Yvonne Schaffter; a grandson, Derek James Livensparger, in 1999; two brothers, Gerald and Marion Livensprager; and two infant brothers, Richard Dale and Orville Livensparger Jr.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Columbia Church of Christ, with Pastor Scott Saltsmann officiating. Burial will follow in the Columbia Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. in Krill Funeral Home at Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Columbia Church of Christ parking lot fund or the Lake Area Christian Church at Fremont.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

Amanda Zehr-Stump

LIGONIER — Amanda C. "Becky" Zehr-Stump, 88, of Ligonier died at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Zehr-Stump

Mrs. Zehr-Stump was a charter member of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

She was born May 28, 1920, in Morgantown, Pa., to John and Priscilla (Mast) Stolzfus. She married Joseph Zehr on March 9, 1946. He died in 1996. She married Joseph Stump on Sept. 15, 2004. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Gregory Conrad of Prescott, Ariz., and Carol Vanoni of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Nathan Conrad, Joel Conrad and Laura Carlson, all of Arizona, and Corbett Vanoni of Minneapolis, Minn.; five stepchildren, Judy and Terry Riordan of Lincoln, Neb., Norris and Judy Stump of Cromwell, Glen and Elena Stump of Grabill, and Kay and Les Rosenogle and Ester and Jim Harlan, all of Ligonier; and many stepgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by seven siblings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel at Syracuse with Pastors Harlan Steffen and Brad Cox officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N Turkey Creek Road, Syracuse, IN 46567.

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James Mieras

KENDALLVILLE — James Junior Mieras, 84, of Kendallville died Monday, June 9, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Mieras retired in 1983 from International Harvester in Fort Wayne after 22 years of service.

He graduated from Pleasant Lake High School in 1941 and entered the United States Navy in November 1942 and served his country until February 1946.

Mr. Mieras was a member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla and Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

He was also a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He enjoyed bowling, fishing, and golfing. He twice recorded a hole-in-one while golfing.

He was born in Garrett on July 7, 1923, to James Jerry and Mildred May (Raber) Mieras. He was first married to Helen J. Altimus on June 24, 1950, at Pleasant Lake. She died Aug. 14, 1990. He married Sara Ruth (Wagner) James on Nov. 9, 1991, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Carolyn Mieras of Denton, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Gene Paulus of Denton; two grandchildren, Stacy Maxwell of Ponder, Texas, and Tom Paulus of Denton; a great-grandson, Ryan Maxwell; six stepchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Jeanne and Paul Banta of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by a half brother, Robert Hawkins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be members of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or school.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

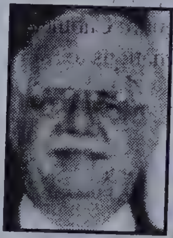
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Stanley Johnson

ANGOLA — Stanley C. Johnson, 57, of Angola died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at this home.

Mr. Johnson was a cabinet maker for Grabill Cabinet Co. for 30 years.

He was a member of Angola Christian Church, where he was a member of the Board of Elders. He played the pipe organ, and played at the church. He enjoyed woodworking and working in his flower and vegetable gardens.


Mr. Johnson

He was born Nov. 9, 1950, in Angola to Santford and Evelyn (Tully) Johnson. He married Mary Brooks on Aug. 4, 1979. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by a son, Michael Brooks Johnson of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Chris Guill of Griffith; and a brother, Darrell Johnson of Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Angola Christian Church with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Mary Monroe

STURGIS, Mich. — Mary Alice Monroe, 88, of Sturgis, Mich., and formerly of Bronson, Mich., died Monday, June 9, 2008, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Bronson Cemetery.

Calling will at the Kolcz Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Christian School.

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Iris Simpson

MADISON — Iris Mary McKeever Simpson, 76, of Madison and formerly of Kendallville died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Simpson had lived in Kendallville until moving to Madison in 1964.

She had been employed for 25 years as an obstetrics technician at King's Daughters' Hospital, retiring in 1994.

Mrs. Simpson was a member of Hebron Baptist Church for many years and was currently a member of North Madison Baptist Church.

She enjoyed gardening, reading and bird watching.

She was born Nov. 5, 1931, in Kendallville to William and Grace (McClughen) McKeever. She married Robert Simpson on Nov. 25, 1949, in Kendallville. He died July 31, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Crystal and Justin Ebley of Hanover and Bobbi Simpson of Milton, Ky.; six sons and three daughters-in-law, Patrick and Carolyn Simpson, Tracy Simpson, and Timothy and Kathy Simpson, all of Madison, Andrew and Velma Simpson of Hanover, Scott Simpson of Lexington and Noel Simpson of Dillsboro; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Carl McKeever; and two sisters, Naida Fritz and Rhonda Lemon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive, Madison, with Pastor Frank McGee officiating. Burial will be in Hebron Cemetery at Madison.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and two hours prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Hebron Cemetery or the North Madison Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at morgan-nay.com.

Justin Todd

GARRETT — Justin DeWayne Todd, 19, of Garrett died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born June 30, 1988, in Hope, Ark., he had been a Garrett resident since 1996. He graduated from Garrett High School in 2006.

Surviving are his mother, Patty Leland of Garrett; his father, Claudy Todd of Grabill two sisters, Ashley Leland and Abigail Dorton, both of Garrett; a grandmother, Ruth Leland of Garrett; several aunts and uncles and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by five grandparents, Wayne Leland, Patsy Leland, Lowell Leland, Norma Jean Todd and Claudy Dale Todd.

Services will be Wednesday at noon in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor David Mix will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

To sign an online guest book or send a condolence, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Ina Mawhorter

ALBION — Ina Crystal Mawhorter, 93, of Albion died at 4:45 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2008, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mrs. Mawhorter was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church.

She enjoyed cooking and was especially known for her pumpkin bread. She also enjoyed gardening.

She was born Dec. 24, 1914, in Noble Township to Wallace and Flossie (Huntsman) Edsall. She married Dale Mawhorter at the parsonage of the EUB United Methodist Church in Albion. He died March 15, 1958.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Weldon and Catherine Mawhorter of Albion and Burton and Rebecca Mawhorter of Shipshewana; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, William B. Mawhorter, and a brother, Elza Edsall.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

Robert Edgerton

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Robert Norman Edgerton, 55, of Memphis died Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Mr. Edgerton was a senior sales executive for the Memphis Redbirds. He had spent summers in the Kendallville area.

He was a member of the Germantown Chamber of Commerce, the University of Tennessee Alumni Board of Directors and the Diamond Club. He also belonged to a networking group that met weekly for breakfast.

Mr. Edgerton played baseball at the University of Tennessee, coached girls fast-pitch softball for 12 years and was an avid fan of the Vols and the Chicago Cubs.

He was born April 8, 1953, in Newark, N.J., to Harold and Patricia Edgerton. His father survives in Kalamazoo, Mich., and his mother is deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Rozanne Hurt Edgerton; a daughter, Ellen Edgerton of Memphis; a son, Brett Edgerton of Connecticut; a brother, John Edgerton of Martin, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Ross Noble of Kendallville and Sally and Scott Wisthuff of Mishawka; and his in-laws, Harold and Stella Hurt.

Services were June 7 at Memorial Park Funeral Home in Memphis.

Memorials are to the Memphis Redbirds Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to the children of inner-city Memphis who want to play baseball and softball.

Gregory White

MIAMISBURG, Ohio — Gregory Wayne White, 44, of Miamisburg, Ohio, died unexpectedly Sunday, June 8, 2008, in London, Ky.

Mr. White's hobbies were water skiing, boating, golfing and spending time with his family. He was employed by Carter Lumber Co. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1981-1983.

He was born Aug. 15, 1963, in Union City, Ind., to H. Dean and Darlene White. His father survives in Greenville, Ohio. His mother preceded him in death.

Also surviving are his wife, Alaine M. (Reigle) White; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kerry and Dusty Lee, Karmon and Thong and Katie Nealeigh; four grandchildren, Averie, Tate, Ashlyn and Abby Vongsy; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Deborah and Daniel Pugh of Butler and Carol and Rodney Paul of Greenville, Ohio; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl and Anita of Fort Wayne and Dean and Ann of Greenville, Ohio.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m at Lighthouse Christian Center in Greenville, Ohio, with the Rev. Herschel Fee officiating and full miltary honors by the Darke County Honor Guard. Burial will be in Goshen Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Lighthouse Christian Center.

Storch-Braund Funeral Home of New Madison, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at storchbraund@woh.rr.com.

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Herman Sells

ROME CITY — Herman R. Sells, 61, of Rome City died unexpectedly at 7:28 p.m. Sunday, June 8, 2008, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Sells

Mr. Sells had lived most of his life in Noble County.

He retired in 1992 from the Fort Wayne Foundry after working there for a number of years.

He attended Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He was born June 9, 1946, in Garrett, Ky., to Curtis and Martha (Coburn) Sells.

Surviving are Kay Frances with whom he made his home for the past 20 years; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Tim Smith of Wolcottville and Kim and Russell Schwarz of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Herman C. Sells Jr. and Anna Sells of Wolcottville and Jimmy R. Sells and Angel Lovins of Rogers, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Anna Mosley of Kendallville and Norman and Deb Sells of Kendallville; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Velma Lorene and R.L. Thompson of Trinity, Texas, Alice Fay and Harlis Hall of Georgetown, Ky., Zeda Hoover of Kendallville, Lucretta Duncan of Martin, Ky., Bonnetta Stacy of Kendallville and Myrie and Dave Trueblood of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren, Jackson Schwarz, Kole Schwarz, Chelsea Sells, Shay Owsley, Zack Sells, Curtis Sells, Corey Sells, T.J. Sells, Nathan Wolfe, Brandon Garrison, John Clawson, Amy Clawson, Timmy Smith, Jeremy Smith, Chad Smith, Corey Smith and Brad Smith; and four great-grandchildren, Noah Owsley, Rebecca Owsley, Faith Godsey and Mary Ann Marie Clawson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Ray Sells, and a sister, Freda Lawson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Harbor of Love Baptist Church, S.R. 3 South, with Pastors Ernie Miller, Charlie Mosley, Phil Lucas and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Honorary pallbearers will be Herman Sells Jr. and Jimmy Ray Sells. Active pallbearers will be Jim Hall, Randol Hall, Marvin Hoover, Brandon Garrison, Harland Smith, Dan Miller, Nathan Wolfe, Dave Trueblood and Zachary Sells.

Calling will be all day today at the church, with evening service at 7 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Loretta Lash

HAMILTON — Loretta Lash, 80, of Hamilton and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was the widow of Carroll A. Lash. Arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory, Hamilton.

Amy Rae Straw

ANGOLA — Amy Rae Straw, 86, of Angola, died Monday, June 9, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 18, 1922, in Gary to John and Clara (Jansen) Kanuch.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Shirley Lawson

WATERLOO — A memorial service for Shirley Jean (Brand) Lawson, 65, will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at New Hope Christian Center, 900 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. A dinner will follow at the church.

Mrs. Lawson

Mrs. Lawson, of Anderson, died Thursday, May 22, 2008, at Community Hospital in Anderson after an extended illness.

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Curtis Lorenzen

PLEASANT LAKE — Curtis G. Lorenzen, 82, of Pleasant Lake, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lorenzen was retired from the Tokheim Corp., where he worked for 33 years.

Mr. Lorenzen

He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

He was born to Louise Sandbrink. His stepfather was Ernest Elbrecht. He was married to June A. (Hollenbacher) Lorenzen. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John and Thomas Lorenzen of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Stan Sweeney of Angola, and Karen and Karl Frick of Leo; 10 grandchildren, Kris, Jana, Kara, Erin and Derek Lorenzen, Molly and Marci Sweeney, Grant and Lauren Frick, and Bryson Robuck; special loved ones Sandy and Wendy Lorenzen and Kenny White; a sister and brother-in-law, Emily and Armand Blanchard of Beech Grove; and a half brother and his wife, Jerry and Sharon Elbrecht of Aurora.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Eloise Stipe; a brother, Melvin Lorenzen; stepbrothers, Alvin and Quentin Elbrecht; and a stepsister, Mary Lee Mathews.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola. Burial will be private in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left at hejohnsonfh.com.

Rev. Marvin Miller

GOSHEN — The Rev. Marvin J. Miller, 80, of Goshen died at 11:43 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen where he was admitted Saturday.

Rev. Miller

Rev. Miller had lived in Middlebury from 1978 to 2003. He was the founding minister of the Walnut Hill Mennonite Church in Goshen where he served for 25 years. He was a member of the Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church in Middlebury where he had served as deacon for several years and sang in the choir.

He had worked at Smith Motors, Goshen and later worked for the Indiana Toll Road as a toll booth attendant.

Rev. Miller was a gifted musician and enjoyed singing. He was a photographer and an avid Cubs and White Sox baseball fan.

He was born April 18, 1928, in Nappanee to Joseph and Amanda (Smucker) Miller. He married Ruth D. Yoder on Oct. 23, 1952, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Douglas Miller-Givan of Crawfordsville; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Dallas Miller and Nathan and Diane Miller of Elkhart, Arnold Miller of Goshen and Anthony and Jackie Miller of Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Fannie and Marvin Miller of Goshen and Elizabeth Tyson of New Paris; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward and Grace Miller of Elkhart, Lester and Martha Miller of Toledo, Ohio, Eli and Connie Miller of Puyallup, Wash., and Joseph and Phyllis Miller of South Bend.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Mathews, and a brother-in-law, Erwin Tyson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Rachel Nafziger-Hartzler officiating. Burial will be at Clinton Union Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Thursday at the Meeting House at Greencroft, Goshen, and from 2-4 and 6–8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Home Care of Elkhart General Hospital or Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent to Millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Carolyn Duesler

LIGONIER — Carolyn L. Duesler, 88, of Ligonier died Monday, June 9, 2008, at the Lakeland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Milford where she had been a resident for the past four years.

Mrs. Duesler was a homemaker.

She had spent most of her life in the Ligonier area.

Mrs. Duesler was a member of the Miniature Club for many years. She was also a member of Sparta United Church of Christ.

She was an avid gardener and loved to crochet.

She was born Oct. 27, 1919, in Monroeville to Carl R. and Nellie G. (Barkley) Schlemmer. She married Herbert S. Duesler on Oct. 1, 1938, in Kimmell. He died in February 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan W. and Barbara Duesler of Wakarusa; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane E. and George Campbell of Goshen; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Helen Schlemmer of Ligonier; three sisters, Nina Case and Lois Renner, both of Ligonier; and Lila Barkley of California.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the J. A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Hal Vaughn

FREMONT — Hal D. Vaughn, 78, of Fremont, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, in Chaska, Minn.

Mr. Vaughn

Mr. Vaughn was the retired vocational director of Metropolitan School District of Steuben County. He began his career at Camden (Mich.) Frontier Schools. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a lifetime member of Fremont United Methodist Church, and was a member of the church choir and a church trustee. He was a member of the Northeastern Lodge No. 210 Free and Associated Masons in Fremont, and a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 229 in Ashley, a member of the Fremont Moose No. 2034, and the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. He was known as "the Voice of the Angola Hornets," for many years, and served as master of ceremonies for the Angola 4th of July parade, and was musica director of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club. He loved music and was known for his singing and musical performances.

He was born on April 27, 1930, in Fremont, to Ford and Luella (Nickols) Vaughn.

He is survived by seven nieces and nephews and three spouses, Steven Vaughn of Fremont, Sarah and Phil Newton of Killeen, Texas, Suzanne and Steve Kneeland of Chaska, John and Julie Vaughn of North Fort Myers, Fla., Deborah Fleck of Sedona, Ariz., Anthony "Tony" and Catherine Vaughn of Victoria, Minn., and Lori Vaughn of Fremont; and six great-nieces and nephews and three spouses, Emma Vaughn, Travis Newton, Vicki and Stuart Mitchell, Harris and Hannah Kneeland, Melissa and Lindsay Vaughn, and Nicholas Vaughn.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert "Arky" Vaughn, Howard Vaughn and Ronald Vaughn; and a niece, Cindy Vaughn.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Fremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be two hours before the service at the church.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Leon Hill

WOLCOTTVILLE — Leon L. Hill, 92, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 7:10 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. He had been a patient at the hospital since Saturday evening.

Mr. Hill

Mr. Hill retired in 1975 from Kirsch Drapery Hardware in Sturgis, Mich., after 36 1/2 years in quality control. He and his wife operated Hill's Horseradish for 35 years in Wolcottville.

A lifetime area resident, he graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1934 where he was class president and valedictorian.

He was a member of U.A.W. 797.

Mr. Hill enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time at his former summer home on Wible Lake near Kendallville.

He was born May 15, 1916, in Kendallville to Milo and Lilla (Pratt) Hill. He married Evelyn Ebert on Sept. 8, 1940. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Wayne Targgart of Kendallville and Carol and Jon Burkhead of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Joy Hill of Wolcottville; four grandchildren, Doug Targgart, Brad Targgart, Kent Hill and Kyle Hill; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor Targgart, Madison Targgart and Meredith Targgart.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 11, 2008, Wednesday

Arnold "Art" Roy Reeve, 78

KENDALLVILLE - Arnold "Art" Roy Reeve, 78, of Kendallville, died on June 7, 2008 at his home.

He was born on September 6, 1929 in Ligonier the son of Charles and Althea (Fausnaugh) Reeve.

On October 27, 1949 he married Phyllis Pankop who preceeded him in death on April 4, 1981.

Mr. Reeve lived his entire life in Noble County. He and his wife were owners of the Standard Station in Albion for many years. He was a U.S. Army veteran stationed in Alaska. He was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, and former member of the Albion Rotary Club.

Art enjoyed gardening, fishing, and hunting, and was also known for cooking Sunday breakfast for fellow friends.

Surviving are three sons, David (Charlie) Reeve of Pasco, Washington, Danny Reeve of Albion and Dean (Angela) Reeve of Albion; a sister, Marlene Knox of Kimmell; two brothers, Verlin Reeve of Kimmell and Homer Reeve of Ligonier; a long time companion, Judy Elwood of Kendallville and her children, Jim Clevenger of Kendallvile, Deb Portmess of Albion, and Bonnie Clevenger of Albion; seventeen grandchildren, and nineteen great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Leland Reeve, a sister, Rose Ann Reeve and two great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home.

Fred M. "Fritz" Schultz, 75

LIGONIER — Fred M. "Fritz" Schultz, 75, of Ligonier, the founder and manager of WNRL-FM radio in Ligonier, died at 8:23 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Schultz moved to Ligonier in 1960 from Wheatfield. He worked as a conservation officer for the Jasper-Pulaski County Game Preserve from 1954-1959. From 1960-1980, he worked for the Indiana State Police as a communications officer. He also operated Fritz TV and Indiana Antenna Supply in Ligonier since 1969.

Mr. Schultz was the founder and manager of Ligonier radio station WNRL, 105.9 FM, until the station was recently donated to West Noble High School.

Mr. Schultz was a lifetime member of the Church of Christ in Wheatfield. A licensed ham radio operator since 1954, he was also a member of the Indiana Historical Radio Society, the Michigan Antique Radio Club, the Illinois Antique Radio Club, AWA National Tube Collectors Club and the Indiana State Police Pioneer Association. He had been curator of the Ligonier Historical Radio Museum since 1993 and had served on the board of the Ligonier Visitors Center. He was the 1997 Ligonier Citizen of the Year.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys, of Ligonier; two sons, Michael L. Schultz of Ligonier and Mark A. (Hayley) Schultz of Kendallville; a daughter, Mary A. Schultz of Ligonier; a brother, Gilbert "Tim" (Terry) Schultz; a sister, Norma Schultz Hackney; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcella L. Schultz.

Memorial services were at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor John Lutton officiating.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Voneta (Diehm) Stemen, 89

FORT WAYNE — Voneta (Diehm) Stemen, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Stemen was a Fort Wayne native.

She was a switchboard operator and receptionist with American Hoist & Derrick Co.

Mrs. Stemen was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a sister, Madeline Hawk of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Madeline Diehm of Albion; and a niece, Cindy Leatherman of Albion.

Services were at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, with Pastor Kathleen Haller officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert, Ohio.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 11, 2008, Wednesday

Rosemary L. Wolff, 68

BUTLER — Rosemary L. Wolff, 68, of Butler and formerly of Kendallville, died at 8:47 a.m. Friday, June 6, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

She had resided there for three months and previously had been at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wolff was a lifetime area resident. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1957. She managed the Elks Lodge restaurant, worked at the V&A Restaurant in Kendallville and Greenhurst Country Club in Auburn.

She attended the Lutheran church.

She was born Aug. 24, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Carl Sr. and Luzina (Fisher) Rose.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Debra Wainright of Gilbert, S.C., Diana and Mark Boots of Wolcottville and Cindy Pfafman of Avilla; a son, Martin Wolff of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Jessica Rogers, Jenna Ross, Samantha Boots, Michael Wolff and Kenny Pfafman; a brother, Carl Rose Jr. of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

Eleven brothers and sisters preceded her in death.

Graveside services were at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with Chaplain Roger W. Olson of Shepherd of the Hill officiating.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Delores May, 74

WAWAKA — Delores J. May of Wawaka died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at the Laurels of Waterloo.

Mrs. May was a homemaker.

She enjoyed reading, music, spending time with her grandchildren and sitting on her front porch.

She was born Sept. 8, 1934, in Welch, W.Va., to Henry and Berley (Frazer) Harman.

She married Chester May on April 28, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Wayne May of Albion, James May of Kendallville and Ronald May of Brimfield; six grandchildren, Tyson, Jamie, Chris, Gary, Michael and Kayley; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bonnie Jackson of Maine.

She was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Dickson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Ina Crystal Mawhorter, 93

ALBION - Ina Crystal Mawhorter, 93, of Albion, died Monday June 9, 2008 at 4:54 AM at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

She was born December 24, 1914 in Noble Township to Wallace and Flossie (Huntsman) Edsall, both deceased. She lived all of her life in Noble County.

She married Dale Mawhorter at the Parsonage of the EUB United Methodist Church in Albion. He died on March 15, 1958.

Mrs. Mawhorter was a homemaker, and a member of Burr Oak Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening and cooking, and was especially known for her pumpkin bread.

Surviving are two sons, Weldon (Catherine) Mawhorter of Albion and Burton (Rebecca) Mawhorter of Shipshewana; thirteen gandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceeded in death by a son, William B. Mawhorter and a brother, Elza Edsall.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 1:00 PM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Calling will be from 4-7 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Memorials may be made to North Ridge Village Nursing Home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 11, 2008, Wednesday

Gladys Lucile Barnhart, 88

Gladys Lucile Barnhart, 88, a former resident of rural Churubusco in Noble County and widow of widely acquainted Noble County farmer and auctioneer Clarence A. Barnhart, died at 12:12 p. m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at the residence of her daughter in Elkhart. She had resided in an assisted living facility and later in a nursing facility in Fort Wayne, before being taken to her daughter's home on Saturday.

Mrs. Barnhart was born on February 26, 1920 in Swan Township in Noble County, a daughter of Elmer and Nellie A. (Bosler) Pepple. She spent her formative years in that community, attended the LaOtto School, and graduated from Huntertown High School.

On January 1, 1943 she was married to Clarence A. Barnhart, and spent all of her adult life on the Barnhart family farm in Green Township before moving into assisted living.

A former employee at the Churubusco School cafeteria, she had also worked at Mutual Security Life Insurance Company in Fort Wayne, and retired as an executive secretary for the Churubusco State Bank in 1985. She was an expert seamstress, had a natural "green thumb," and dearly loved her church and family.

She was a charter member and deacon emeritus of the Agape Church of the Brethren, north of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Barnhart preceded her in death on June 6, 2002.

Among the surviving relatives are her two children Nancy (Bart) Lefever of Elkhart, and William (Kathy) Barnhart of Churubusco; a sister Catherine (Leon) Clingenpeel of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held June 9, at the Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, with Pastors Jeff Copp and Tim Scroggs, officiating.

Interment was in the family plot at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, Fort Wayne or to Care At Hospice, 200 High Park Avenue, Goshen, IN 46526.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 11, 2008, Wednesday

Herman R. Sells, 61

ROME CITY — Herman R. Sells, 61, of Rome City died unexpectedly at 7:28 p.m. Sunday, June 8, 2008, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Sells had lived most of his life in Noble County.

He retired in 1992 from the Fort Wayne Foundry after working there for a number of years.

He attended Harbor of Love Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He was born June 9, 1946, in Garrett, Ky., to Curtis and Martha (Coburn) Sells.

Surviving are Kay Frances with whom he made his home for the past 20 years; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Tim Smith of Wolcottville and Kim and Russell Schwarz of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Herman C. Sells Jr. and Anna Sells of Wolcottville and Jimmy R. Sells and Angel Lovins of Rogers, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Anna Mosley of Kendallville and Norman and Deb Sells of Kendallville; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Velma Lorene and R.L. Thompson of Trinity, Texas, Alice Fay and Harlis Hall of Georgetown, Ky., Zeda Hoover of Kendallville, Lucretta Duncan of Martin, Ky., Bonnetta Stacy of Kendallville and Myrie and Dave Trueblood of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren, Jackson Schwarz, Kole Schwarz, Chelsea Sells, Shay Owsley, Zack Sells, Curtis Sells, Corey Sells, T.J. Sells, Nathan Wolfe, Brandon Garrison, John Clawson, Amy Clawson, Timmy Smith, Jeremy Smith, Chad Smith, Corey Smith and Brad Smith; and four great-grandchildren, Noah Owsley, Rebecca Owsley, Faith Godsey and Mary Ann Marie Clawson.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin Ray Sells, and a sister, Freda Lawson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Harbor of Love Baptist Church, S.R. 3 South, with Pastors Ernie Miller, Charlie Mosley, Phil Lucas and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Honorary pallbearers will be Herman Sells Jr. and Jimmy Ray Sells. Active pallbearers will be Jim Hall, Randol Hall, Marvin Hoover, Brandon Garrison, Harland Smith, Dan Miller, Nathan Wolfe, Dave Trueblood and Zachary Sells.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the church, with evening services at 7 p.m. both nights.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 12, 2008, Thursday

Loretta Lash

HAMILTON — Loretta Bernice Lash, 80, of Hamilton and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lash was employed by Essex in Kendallville and Ligonier for 27 years, retiring in 1990.

Mrs. Lash

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and the Women of the Moose Chapter 730. Mrs. Lash was an avid supporter of Hamilton academic and athletic teams, earning her the title of "Favorite Ticket Taker" by the staff. She was also an avid gardener.

She was born July 14, 1927, in New Ulm, Minn., to George and Ida (Stuber) Suess. She married Carroll A. Lash on Feb. 26, 1949, in Temple, Texas. He preceded her in death on June 30, 1991.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Gloria Lash of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Tom Stackhouse of Hamilton; four grandchildren and two spouses, Lori Desormeaux, Brian Lash, Joseph Lash and Jeremy Stackhouse; three great-grandchildren, Joshua Desormeaux and Audrey Lash; and a sister, Ordella Korte of El Paso, Texas, and a goddaughter, Barbara Laux of Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory in Hamilton, with the Rev. Carlton Reinhard officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton High School Literacy Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed by visiting oberlin-ford.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being published to add information.*

Pamela Gnagy

ANGOLA — Pamela S. Gnagy, 54, of Angola died Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Gnagy

Ms. Gnagy was a hair stylist at Head to Toe Salon in Angola.

She was a member of Unity Christ Church in Fort Wayne. She previously resided in Marshall, Mich., and Hamilton.

She was born Oct. 3, 1953, in Angola to R. DeWayne Braman and Juineta Wood. She was married to Jeffrey Gnagy on Sept. 18, 2001. He preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 2006.

She is survived by her mother, Juineta Wood of Angola; her father and stepmother, R. DeWayne and Judy Braman of Lake Placid, Fla.; her father-in-law and spouse, James and Janice Gnagy of Hamilton, her mother-in-law Marlene A. Gnagy of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Erin Jaques of Marshall; a daughter and son-in-law, Amber and Mike Ray of Molena, Ga.; four grandchildren, Alyssa, Ansley, Ashton and Wyatt; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Cynthia Braman, and Deborah and Mick Schwalm, all of Angola; two stepsisters and spouses, Kim and Tim Stump of Bellbrooke, Ohio, and Mindy and Todd Craig of Fort Wayne; one stepbrother, Mike Braman of Mohawk, Mich.; a brother-in-law and spouse, Brad and Sarah Gnagy of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Kim Gnagy of Hamilton; two nephews and a niece.

A memorial service was held April 30 at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Mary Wood officiating. A graveside service and burial was Saturday at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 12, 2008, Thursday

Truman Mayberry

CORUNNA — Truman Mayberry, 75, of Corunna died Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at his home, with his family by his side.

Mr. Mayberry was an engine tester at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 27 years. He also farmed, before retiring in 2000.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna. He was a corporal in the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean conflict. He was a former member of the Jaycees and pitched in fast-pitch softball leagues around the area until he was 50.

He was born July 9, 1932, in Humphreys County, Tenn., to Wyley and Ollie Irene (Warren) Mayberry.

He married Carol A. Bauer on April 3, 1987, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael T. and Stephanie Mayberry and Mark A. and Suzi Mayberry, all of Corunna; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Travis S. and Dawn Kaylor of Hicksville, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Michelle L. Kaylor of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Megan, Caitlin, Christian and Hannah Mayberry and Gunner and Gage R. Kaylor; and two great-grandchildren, ZaRyant "Bubby" and Reianah Maree Mayberry.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clay Mayberry and Clint C. Mayberry; and three sisters, Asline Lomax, Oneida Williams and Mattie Jean Aylor.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna. The Rev. Al Wingfield will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society of America or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Michael Smith

BUTLER — Michael Gene Smith, 55, of Butler died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith had worked for Rods in Butler. He was a graduate of Eastside High School in the class of 1971. He then attended the Wyoming Technical Institute.

He was born Jan. 23, 1953, in Rochester to Joe and Zola (Bradley) Smith. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives.

Also surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Cathy Smith; two nieces; and several cousins.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Sycamore Cemetery in rural Rochester.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Karl Weiss

ANGOLA — Karl L. Weiss, 77, of Angola, died Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Weiss worked as a carpenter for 50 years, retiring in 1995. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a former member of the Angola Moose Lodge.

He was born Oct. 30, 1930, in Emden, Germany, to Erhard and Anna (Dieken) Weiss. He married Sharon Gottschalk on Feb. 23, 1989. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by two sons, Erich Weiss of Burlington, Mass., and Mark Weiss of Tipp City, Ohio; a daughter, Elisabeth McHugh of Pleasant Lake; two stepsons, Rick Holiday and Marty Holiday, both of Angola; a stepdaughter, Vicki Holiday of Covington, La.; nine grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Maria Ewen of Emden and Anna Bergqvist of Braas-Gard, Sweden.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Erna, Martha and Sophia; and two brothers, Johan and Wilhelm.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 12, 2008, Thursday

Services held for community leader Fred "Fritz" Schultz

LIGONIER — Funeral services were held Tuesday for Fred M. "Fritz" Schultz, 75, of Ligonier, who could list among his accomplishment being the co-founder and manager of WNRL-FM radio in Ligonier.

Mr. Schultz died at 8:23 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was the 1997 Ligonier Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Schultz moved to Ligonier in 1960 from Wheatfield. He worked as a conservation officer for the Jasper-Pulaski County Game Preserve from 1954-1959. From 1960 to 1980, he worked for the Indiana State Police as a communications officer. He also operated Fritz TV and Indiana Antenna Supply in Ligonier since 1969.

Along with his daughter, Marcella, who preceded him in death, Mr. Schultz was a founder and manager of Ligonier radio station WNRL, 105.9 FM, until the station was recently donated to West Noble High School.

Mr. Schultz, as a member of the Indiana State Police.

Mr. Schultz was a lifetime member of the Church of Christ in Wheatfield.

A licensed ham radio operator since 1954, he was also a member of the Indiana Historical Radio Society, the Michigan Antique Radio Club, the Illinois Antique Radio Club, AWA National Tube Collectors Club and the Indiana State Police Pioneer Association.

He had been curator of the Ligonier Historical Radio Museum since 1993, and was responsible for bringing the museum to Ligonier.

He had also served on the board of the Ligonier Visitors Center..

Surviving are his wife, Gladys, of Ligonier; two sons, Michael L. Schultz of Ligonier and Mark A. (Hayley) Schultz of Kendallville; a daughter, Mary A. Schultz of Ligonier; a brother, Gilbert "Tim" (Terry) Schultz; a sister, Norma Schultz Hackney; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marcella L. Schultz.

Memorial services took place Tuesday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor John Lutton officiating.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 12, 2008, Thursday

Harold Miller

LIGONIER — Harold P. "Popeye" Miller, 80, of Ligonier died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Greencroft Health Care Facility in Goshen.

Mr. Miller had retired from Silgan Plastics after 31 years of service. He was a self-employed carpenter.

He had been a member of the Ligonier Church of Christ for more than 30 years. Serving others brought him joy.

Mr. Miller enjoyed being outdoors, gardening, riding his motorcycle and camping.

He was born Nov. 23, 1927, in Kimmell to Calvin and Bessie (Hamman) Miller. He married Barbara Doebler on March 28, 1981. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Jennene Miller of Kansas and Calvin "Phil" Miller II and Ellen Miller of Texas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary and Ed Herron of Hampton, Va., and Vicki Curtis of Bakersfield, Calif.; two stepsons and their wives, Joe and Melissa Denton of Milford and Nathaniel and Jackie Denton of Hampton, Va.; a sister, Arnelda Losee of Syracuse; 24 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Shirley (Schroeder) Miller in 1961, and an infant son, Victor Miller.

Services were Monday at Ligonier Church of Christ, Ligonier, with the Rev. Mel Harrell officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling was Sunday at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Carolyn Duesler

LIGONIER — Carolyn L. Duesler, 88, of Ligonier died Monday, June 9, 2008, at the Lakeland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Milford where she had been a resident for the past four years.

Mrs. Duesler was a homemaker.

She had spent most of her life in the Ligonier area.

Mrs. Duesler was a member of the Miniature Club for many years. She was also a member of Sparta United Church of Christ.

She was an avid gardener and loved to crochet.

She was born Oct. 27, 1919, in Monroeville to Carl R. and Nellie G. (Barkley) Schlemmer. She married Herbert S. Duesler on Oct. 1, 1938, in Kimmell. He died in February 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan W. and Barbara Duesler of Wakarusa; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane E. and George Campbell of Goshen; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Helen Schlemmer of Ligonier; three sisters, Nina Case and Lois Renner, both of Ligonier; and Lila Barkley of California.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the J. A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Amanda Zehr-Stump

LIGONIER — Amanda C. "Becky'' Zehr-Stump, 88, of Ligonier died at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Zehr-Stump

Mrs. Zehr-Stump was a charter member of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel.

She was born May 28, 1920, in Morgantown, Pa., to John and Priscilla (Mast) Stolzfus. She married Joseph Zehr on March 9, 1946. He died in 1996. She married Joseph Stump on Sept. 15, 2004. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Donna and Gregory Conrad of Prescott, Ariz., and Carol Vanoni of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Nathan Conrad, Joel Conrad and Laura Carlson, all of Arizona, and Corbett Vanoni of Minneapolis, Minn.; five stepchildren, Judy and Terry Riordan of Lincoln, Neb., Norris and Judy Stump of Cromwell, Glen and Elena Stump of Grabill, and Kay and Les Rosenogle and Ester and Jim Harlan, all of Ligonier; and many stepgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by seven siblings.

Services were at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Wawasee Lakeside Chapel at Syracuse with Pastors Harlan Steffen and Brad Cox officiating. Burial will be private.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N Turkey Creek Road, Syracuse, IN 46567.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 12, 2008, Thursday

Arnold Reeve

KENDALLVILLE — Arnold "Art" Roy Reeve, 78, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Reeve was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He and his wife owned the Standard service station in Albion for many years.

Mr. Reeve was a U.S. Army veteran. He had been stationed in Alaska.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting, and was also known for cooking Sunday breakfast for his friends.

Mr. Reeve was a member of Albion American Legion Post 246 and a former member of the Albion Rotary Club.

He was born Sept. 6, 1929, in Ligonier to Charles and Althea (Fausnaugh) Reeve. He married Phyllis Pankop on Oct. 27, 1949. She preceded him in death on April 4, 1981.

Surviving are three sons, David (Charlie) Reeve of Pasco, Wash., Danny Reeve of Albion and Dean (Angela) Reeve of Albion; a sister, Marlene Knox of Kimmell; two brothers, Verlin Reeve of Kimmell and Homer Reeve of Ligonier; his longtime companion, Judy Elwood of Kendallville and her children, Jim Clevenger of Kendallvile, Deb Portmess of Albion, and Bonnie Clevenger of Albion; 17 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, LeLand Reeve; a sister, Rose Ann Reeve; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Memorials are to the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Delores May

WAWAKA — Delores J. May, 74, of Wawaka died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at the Laurels of Waterloo.

Mrs. May was a homemaker.

She enjoyed reading, music, spending time with her grandchildren and sitting on her front porch.

She was born Sept. 8, 1934, in Welch, W.Va., to Henry and Berley (Frazer) Harman.

She married Chester May on April 28, 1956. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Wayne May of Albion, James May of Kendallville and Ronald May of Brimfield; six grandchildren, Tyson, Jamie, Chris, Gary, Michael and Kayley; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bonnie Jackson of Maine.

She was preceded in death by a brother and five sisters.

Services were Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Dixon officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 13, 2008, Friday

Jessie Sharrow

ANGOLA — Jessie June Sharrow, 79, of Angola died Wednesday, June 12, 2008, in Angola.

Mrs. Sharrow was a restaurant manager and attendant on the Indiana Toll Road.

She was a member of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary, Angola Elks Lodge and the Angola Moose Lodge Auxiliary.

She was born June 30, 1928, in Fremont to Thomas and Harriett (Jordan) Parrish. She was married to Robert Sharrow, who preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters, Steve Webber of Angola, Curtis Sharrow of Fremont, Anita Feller of Fremont and Cindy McComb, of Toledo, Ohio; one sister, Lola May of Fremont; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and James Parrish.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being published to include an additional survivor.*

Loretta Lash

HAMILTON — Loretta Bernice Lash, 80, of Hamilton and formerly of Kendallville, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lash

Mrs. Lash was employed by Essex in Kendallville and Ligonier for 27 years, retiring in 1990.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and the Women of the Moose Chapter 730.

Mrs. Lash was an avid supporter of Hamilton academic and athletic teams, earning her the title of "Favorite Ticket Taker" by the staff. She was also an avid gardener.

She was born July 14, 1927, in New Ulm, Minn., to George and Ida (Stuber) Suess. She married Carroll A. Lash on Feb. 26, 1949, in Temple, Texas. He preceded her in death on June 30, 1991.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Gloria Lash of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Tom Stackhouse of Hamilton; four grandchildren and two spouses, Lori Desormeaux, Brian Lash, Joseph Lash and Jeremy Stackhouse; three great-grandchildren, Joshua and Kara Desormeaux and Audrey Lash; and a sister, Ordella Korte of El Paso, Texas, and a goddaughter, Barbara Laux of Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory in Hamilton, with the Rev. Carlton Reinhard officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton High School Literacy Fund.

Condolences may be sen to the family or the online guest book may be signed b visiting oberlin-ford.com.

Kenneth Harp

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth Harp, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Justin Todd

GARRETT — A burial service for Justin DeWayne Todd, 19, of Garrett will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Sedan Cemetery on C.R. 19, east of Corunna.

Mr. Todd died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

To sign an online guest book or send a condolence, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 14, 2008, Saturday

Mildred Graft

FORT WAYNE — Mildred I. Graft, 89, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 13, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Graft was a bookkeeper for her husband at O.C. Graft and Sons. She was a member of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Graft

She was born Jan. 6, 1919, in Warren.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Kristone Graft of Garrett and William Graft of Fort Wayne; a brother, Robert Hawkins of Florida; and two grandchildren, Andrea and Dylan Graft.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth O. Graft, on Aug. 16, 1997; a son, Robert Graft; a sister, Marjorie Habig; and her parents, Kenneth A. and Carrie L. Hawkins.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 1819 Reservation Drive, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home For Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church or Parkview Hospice.

Michael Gaffer

FORT WAYNE — Michael Lee Gaffer, 65, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gaffer had been a maintenance man with Irene Byron Health Center for 20 years.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Mr. Gaffer was a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles.

Mr. Gaffer

Survivors include three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Cathy and David Putman of Rome City, Lina Mae Rice of Roanoke and Roberta and David Osterman of Columbia City; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert C. and M. Eleanor (Rice) Gaffer, and a brother, Robert Joseph Gaffer in 1980.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Gasper Catholic Church, 10871 N. S.R. 9, Rome City, with Father Matthew Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Cemetery at Rome City with full military honors.

Arrangements by Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St., Fort Wayne.

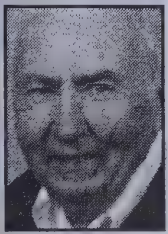
Memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Rome City American Legion Post 381 or the VA Hospital.

Kenneth Harp

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth George Harp, 77, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Harp was educated in the Kendallville public school system and received additional training in upholstery, seat cover and canvas repair work. He owned Kendallville Auto Trim for 20 years and also worked for McCray Refrigeration Co. and the Kendallville Water Department.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran.


Mr. Harp

His interests included antique farm machinery, collectable toys, NASCAR racing, reading and studying the Bible. He attended First Christian Church in Kendallville.

He was born to Paul and Edna (Chamberlin) Harp on Feb. 5, 1931. He married to Marilyn D. Yerks at Missionary Church, Woodburn, on July 27, 1975.

Survivors include his wife, of Kendallville; brothers Hallie and Lois Harp, both of Kendallville; as well as several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Donna Belle Harp.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, Ind.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Carl Root, Jack Frederick, Bob Smith, Fred Chamberlin, Mike Fiandt and Doug Mynhier.

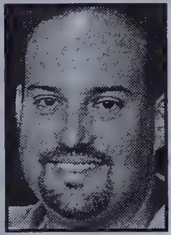
Memorials to First Christian Church Building Fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 14, 2008, Saturday

Lonnie King

CHURUBUSCO — Lonnie A. King, 33, of Churubusco died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. King lived his entire life in the Churubusco and Fort Wayne area. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1994 and attended Ivy Tech College for three years. He worked for Steel Dynamics in Columbia City and C&A Tool in Churubusco.



Mr. King

He attended Sugar Grove Church of God and was an avid Miami Dolphins football fan and fisherman.

He was born to Robert D. and Arlene M. (Crabill) King on Nov. 16, 1974.
He married to Renata C. Crooks in Churubusco on Dec. 13, 2003.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Madison; his parents, who live in Churubusco; sister Rachel and her husband Roger Mullins of South Whitley; grandmother Betty Crabill of Columbia City; mother and father-in-law, Roger and Rhonda Crooks of Churubusco; brothers and sisters-in-law Sephora and Shawn Lortie of Churubusco and Zach and Jennifer Crooks of Huntington; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by two grandfathers and one grandmother.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m.at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials to daughter, Madison, in care of Renata King.

Amy Straw

ANGOLA — Amy Rae Straw, 86, of Angola died Monday, June 9, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Straw was a church secretary at the Angola Christian Church and the Angola United Methodist Church.

She attended the Stokes Chapel Church in Montgomery, Mich. She was a member of Pokagon Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and a 50-year member of Angola Chapter No. 78, Order of Eastern Star, and was also a past patron.

She was born Jan. 18, 1922, in Gary to John and Clara (Jansen) Kanuch. She was first married to Bernard White, who preceded her in death in 1974. She then married Bill Straw and he died in 2003.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters and their spouses, Bernard and Cathy White of Fremont, John and Sheri White of Fremont, Nancy and Ron Dodd of Angola, and Rebecca and Bill Shlater of Port Orange, Fla.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Iola Pendleton.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 20, at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. and Steuben Community Foundation Diabetes Fund.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Mr. Krull enjoyed the dance of life

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Gerhard Krull, front and center, is shown at the family celebration of his 99th birthday Jan. 2.

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BY BOB BRALEY
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ROME CITY — Gerhard Krull was a man who understood the dance of life in all its rhythms.

"He loved music and he loved to dance," said Linda Castle, one of Krull's granddaughters.

When Mr. Krull died June 4 at age 99, he left behind a legacy of love with family and friends and an understanding of God's creation.

He loved the beauty of nature, from watching hummingbirds to seeing the leaves on the trees mature as the seasons danced on, said one of his daughters, Mary Edwards.

A native of Lorup, Germany, Mr. Krull came to America in 1930, said another daughter, Barb Tatman. His move had been arranged through an uncle who was a priest of the Most Precious Blood order based at Rome City. He had no money and spoke no English at the time, she said.

In a 2001 interview with The News-Sun, Mr. Krull recalled that had lived with his uncle at the time. There was a worldwide depression going on. "Times were rough here in America, too," he said.

But Krull had a marketable skill. In the late 1920s and 1930s, Germany was teaching farming techniques that were advanced compared to those in America, Krull recalled.

Those techniques were invaluable to farm operations at Kneipp Springs — now Sylvan Springs, then a Rome City sanitorium run by Most Precious Blood sisters.

On New Year's Day, 1936, Krull was selected as the farm manager for the sanitorium, a post he held until he retired in 1975.

His knowledge of farm breeding led him to develop a herd of Guernsey dairy cattle at Kneipp Springs that came to be nationally recognized for both its quantity and quality of milk, Edwards said. "People came from all over to observe his herd, including J.C. Penney, who purchased several of his cows."

Mr. Krull's grandson Mike Edwards said in a 2001 interview with The News-Sun that McDonald's co-founder Jim McDonald was at the same auction. McDonald used his own farm and cattle to make food for his restaurants until he sold the business to Ray Kroc.

The FFA dairy judging team used to come to Kneipp Springs for judging practice because the cattle were so uniform, Mary Edwards said.

He was a hard worker who would do anything to help the community, Tatman said.

But Mr. Krull wasn't all work. He and his wife of 47 years, Helena, were part of the PTA. In a variety show one year, they and three other couples did a square dance. "They loved the Red Birds," Edwards recalled.

As the family grew with children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Mr. Krull started a tradition of a family Easter egg hunt on the farm, Castle recalled.

He never forgot his roots and never lost his accent, Edwards said. "He made several trips back to his homeland." Those included trips in 1960 and 1984.

During World War II, Mr. Krull would box up clothing to send to suffering family members back in Germany, and put sugar, flour and cigarettes in with the clothes, Edwards said.

He was also a man who followed his faith's lead. "Gerhard Krull was a true disciple of Christ," Edwards said. "We learned what a privilege it is to be an heir of Jesus Christ."

He always spoke kindly of everyone, Edwards said. "We don't remember hearing anything but good about other people."

"He was a very gracious man," Castle said. "He said thank you for everything." That was shown in a letter he sent the Kneipp Springs sisters thanking them, and even during his time at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, when he thanked the workers there for their efforts.

Even then, he still loved to dance, Castle said. She and her husband, Ben, took him to a New Year's Eve event when he was 97. There was a band.

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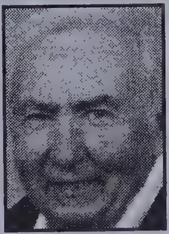
Kenneth Harp

FORT WAYNE — Kenneth George Harp, 77, died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Harp

He owned Kendallville Auto Trim for 20 years and also worked for McCray Refrigeration Company and the Kendallville Water Dept.

Mr. Harp was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran. He was educated in the Kendallville public school system and received additional training in upholstery, seat cover and canvas repair work. He attended First Christian Church in Kendallville. His interests included antique farm machinery, collectible toys, NASCAR racing, reading and studying the Bible.

He was Feb. 5, 1931, born to Paul and Edna (Chamberlin) Harp. They preceded him in death. He married Marilyn D. Yerks at Missionary Church in Woodburn July 27, 1975. She survives in Kendallville.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Hallie and Lois Harp, both of Kendallville and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Belle Harp.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-3 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Carl Root, Jack Frederick, Bob Smith, Fred Chamberlin, Mike Fiandt and Doug Mynhier.

Memorials to First Christian Church Building Fund.

Condolences may be sent online at hitefuneralhome.com.

Lonnie King

CHURUBUSCO — Lonnie A. King, 33, of Churubusco died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for about two years.

He worked for 5 1/2 years for C&A Tool Engineering in Churubusco, and most recently worked for Steel Dynamics Co. in Columbia City. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1994 and attended Ivy Tech Community College for three years. He lived his entire life in the Fort Wayne and Churubusco area, and attended the Sugar Grove Church of God. He was an avid Miami Dolphins football fan and liked to fish.

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In addition to his wife and parents, survivors include a daughter, Madison Grace, at home; a sister and brother-in-law, Rachel and Roger Mullins of South Whitley; a grandmother, Betty Crabill of Columbia City; a mother- and father-in-law, Roger and Rhonda Crooks of Churubusco; two brothers- and sisters-in-law, Sephora and Shawn Lortie of Churubusco and Zach and Jennifer Crooks of Huntington; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by two grandfathers and a grandmother.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Timothy Grable officiating. Burial will follow in the Riverview Cemetery located Southeast of Churubusco in Allen County.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his daughter, Madison, in care of Renata King.

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Cheryl Yingling

HAMILTON — Cheryl Yingling, 53, of Hamilton died Thursday, June 12, 2008, at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was employed as a dietary cook for the Lakeland Rehabilitation Center. She liked to fish, play bingo and spend time with "Chewy."

She was born in Toledo, Ohio, to Earl and Madonna (Lewis) McKenzie. Her mother survives, and her father preceded her in death.

In addition to her mother, survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Toby Petre; a son, Phillip Yingling; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Earl and Mary McKenzie, Kevin and Becky McKenzie and Ken and Lisa McKenzie; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Bill Donald; grandchildren, Mylisa McKenzie, Mitchell, Leslie and Brock Petre, and Amaya and Chaz Yingling; three foster grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to father, she was preceded in death by her husband of 20 years, Harvey Yingling; a grandmother, Delores Lewis; and a nephew, Kevin McKenzie Jr.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Neville Funeral Home, Reynolds Corner Chapel, 5052 Dorr St., Toledo, Ohio. Burial will follow at Toledo Memorial Park.

Calling will be Monday from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

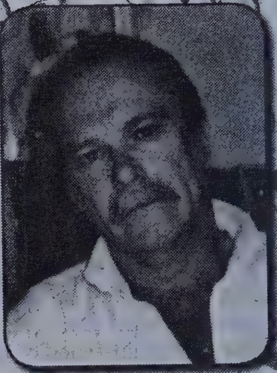
Memorials are to the family.

Nathan Barr O'Dell

September 16, 2007

In Our Hearts

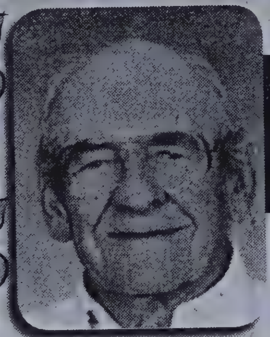
We thought of you with love today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.



We miss you, Daddy!

Tabby & Marlena

In Loving Memory Of Our Beloved Husband–Father



Vincent D. Albright, Jr.

We will always remember how special you made our lives.

Love, Wife - Audry,
Son and Daughter
Robert and Sondra

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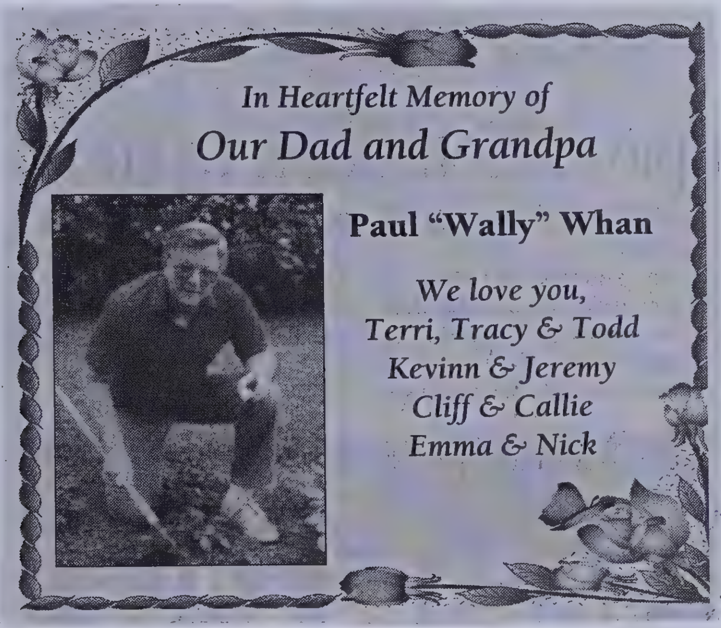
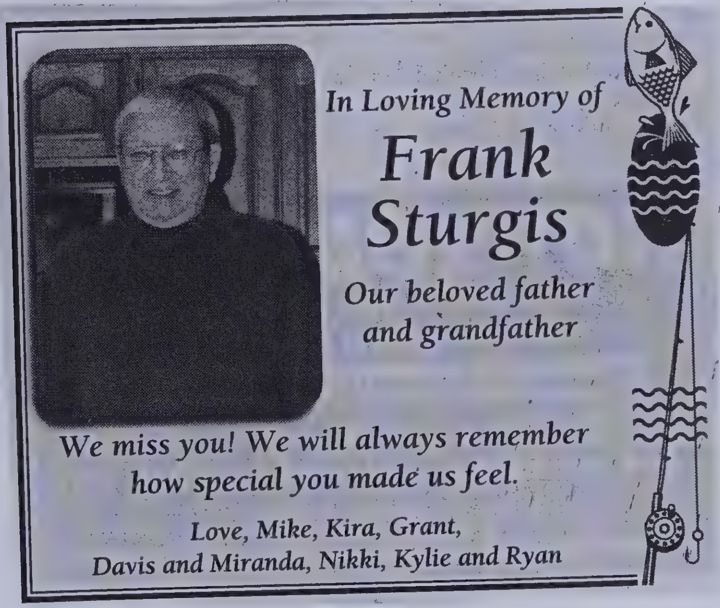


In Heartfelt Memory of
Our Dad and Grandpa

Paul "Wally" Whan

We love you,
Terri, Tracy & Todd
Kevinn & Jeremy
Cliff & Callie
Emma & Nick



In Loving Memory of
Frank
Sturgis

Our beloved father
and grandfather

We miss you! We will always remember
how special you made us feel.

Love, Mike, Kira, Grant,
Davis and Miranda, Nikki, Kylie and Ryan

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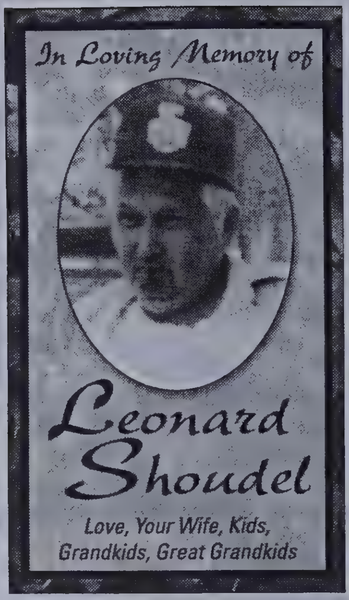
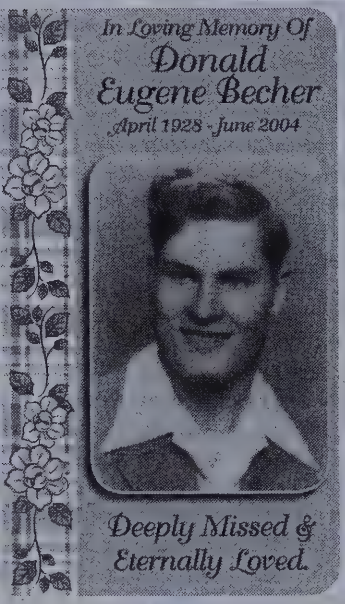


In Loving Memory of

Leonard Shoudel

Love, Your Wife, Kids, Grandkids, Great Grandkids

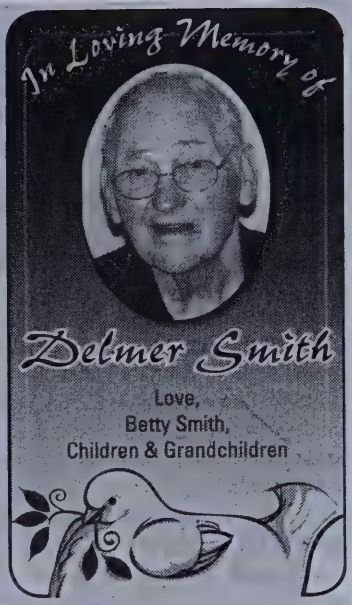


In Loving Memory Of

Donald Eugene Becher

April 1928 - June 2004

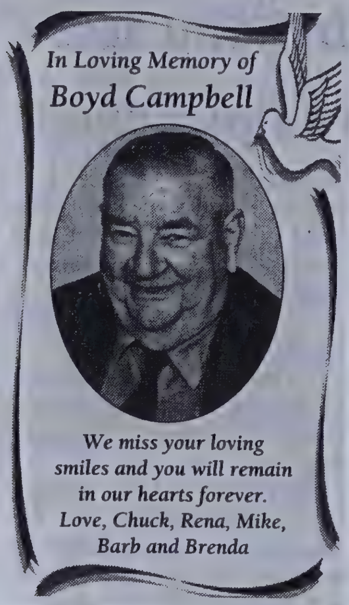
Deeply Missed & Eternally Loved.



In Loving Memory of

Delmer Smith

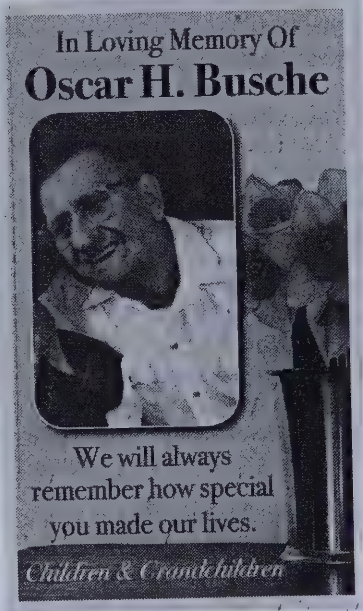
Love,
Betty Smith,
Children & Grandchildren



In Loving Memory of

Boyd Campbell

We miss your loving smiles and you will remain in our hearts forever.
Love, Chuck, Rena, Mike, Barb and Brenda



In Loving Memory Of

Oscar H. Busche

We will always remember how special you made our lives.

Children & Grandchildren

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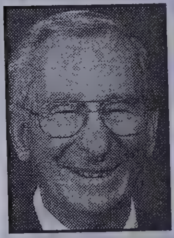
David Miller

AUBURN — David E. Miller, 80, of Auburn died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.



Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller worked as a machinist for Rieke Corp. for 22 years, retiring in 1992. In his retirement, he enjoyed working at Eckhart Public Library and Ben Davis Automotive.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn and was a former elder. He had been a private first class in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving during World War II, and was a member of American Legion Post 97 of Auburn. He was a graduate of Auburn High School, class of 1945.

He was born Dec. 14, 1927, in DeKalb County to Joe and Mary E. (Clouse) Miller.

He married Ruth Arnos on Jan. 27, 1950, in Stryker, Ohio. She survives.

Als surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Randy Miller and Denise Schubert; three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy S. and Bill McLaughlin of Pittsburgh, Pa., Sandra K. and Michael Kramer of Zionsville and Lisa and Mark Sutton of Zionsville; a daughter-in-law, Betty Miller; six grandchildren, Kelly Kue, Tracey Schwartz, Nick Kramer, Abby Kramer, Jill Sutton and Keegan Sutton; three great-grandchildren, Katie Kue, Austin Kue and Peyton Schwartz; and one sister and brother-in-law, Joanne L. and Jim Fitch of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by one son, David Scott Miller; one grandchild, Sean McLaughlin; two brothers, Richard K. Miller and Donald W. Miller; and two sisters, Lela Rathert and Helen Huntsman.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate., Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church or the American Brain Tumor Association.

Ora Bontrager

GOSHEN — Ora C. Bontrager, 85, of Goshen and formerly of Shipshewana, died at 3:12 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, 2008, at the Greencroft Health Care Center Goshen after an extended illness.

Mr. Bontrager was a former president of the Shipshewana Town Board.

Mr. Bontrager

He had worked as the manager for Tools Unlimited in Honeyville. He and his wife owned and operated Bontrager Plumbing and Heating from 1960-1975 and Bontrager Hardware from 1965-1975. He later drove school bus for the Westview School Corp.

Mr. Bontrager was a member of the Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

He was born June 21, 1922, in LaGrange County to Christian and Mary Ann (Miller) Bontrager. He married Anna Kauffman on Dec. 21, 1945. She died Oct. 31, 1961. He then married Katie Eash on Aug. 10, 1962, in Elkhart County. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delores and Doug Hostetler of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, DeWayne and Sarah Bontrager of Topeka; five grandchildren; and a sister, Alice Bontrager of Topeka.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Elizabeth Yoder and Inah Hochstetler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church in Goshen with the Revs. Terry Diener and Jeff Mumaw officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials may be given to Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Marlene Sikorski

BRONSON, Mich. — Marlene L. Sikorski, 74, of Bronson, Mich., died Saturday, June 14, 2008, at the Community Health Center of Branch County, Mich.

Mrs. Sikorski was a homemaker and worked part time as a cook for the Bronson School System.

She was a member of St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church and was well known for her sewing abilities. Over the years, she created many dresses for weddings, first communions and other special occasions, including many of her own clothes. She also enjoyed crocheting, baking and cooking. She also loved raising chickens.

She was born Aug. 20, 1933, in Branch County, to William Sr. and Clara (Herman) Losinski. She married Floyd Sikorski on Aug. 25, 1951, at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church. He survives.

She also is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Robert Hayes of Bronson; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dwayne and Debra Sikorski, and Larry and Janet Sikorski, all of Bronson; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Diane Losinski of Bronson; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty and Epifanio Aleman, and Janet Losinski, all of Bronson, Norma Klavinski of Coldwater, Mich., and Carolyn Lash of Tampa, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Vera Losinski of Bronson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, William Losinski Jr.; and a grandson, Jade Sikorski.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church in Bronson, with the Rev. Richard A. Fritz officiating

Calling will be at the Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson from 3-8 p.m. Monday. The rosary will be recited at 5 p.m. Prayers before the service will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary of Assumption Catholic Church.

Madelynne Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Madelynne M. Parker, 87, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Harrison Triplett

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Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
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June 17, 2008, Tuesday

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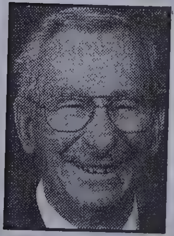
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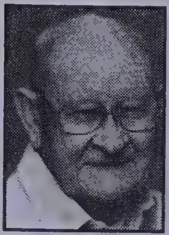
Melvin Lawson

CORUNNA — Melvin Lawson, 95, of Corunna died Monday, June 16, 2008, at his home with his family at his side.


Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson had been a coal miner in Kentucky for 13 years. He was also a farmer and was employed by Kendallville Foundry from 1950 until his retirement in 1975.

He was a member of the Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

Mr. Lawson's hobbies were taking care of his yard, gardening, working in his workshop, fixing mowers and building trailers.

He was born May 12, 1913, in Rockfork, Knott County, Ky., to Alex and Zelia (Baldridge) Lawson. He married Dora Perkins on Jan. 20, 1940, in Garrett, Ky. She preceded him in death March 11, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Phyllis and Clifford Hunter of Kendallville, Nancy Kay Slone of Corunna and Pastor Yvonne and Darold Brown of Garrett; three sons and daughters-in-law, Delmas Ray and Ramona Lawson of Dayton, Ohio, Darvin and Gayleen Lawson of Garrett and Billy and Wanda Lawson of Kendallville; 21 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sue Lawson of Garrett.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Clarence Edward Lawson; a brother, Cephas Collins; and a sister, Clara Young.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church, S.R. 3 South, with the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford. Pallbearers will be Jerry Hunter, Jason Lawson, Greg Slone, Brian Slone, Shane Slone, Jeremy Slone, Steven Slone, Tivis Molina and Matt Molina.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church, with an evening service at 7.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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Madelynne Parker

KENDALLVILLE — Madelynne Parker, 87, of Kendallville died Sunday, June 15, 2008 at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Parker

Mrs. Parker owned and operated Kem's Salon in Kendallville for many years. She and her husband, Joe, also owned and operated Parker Auctions in Kendallville.

Mrs. Parker was in charge of the primitive area at the Apple Festival of Kendallville for many years and served on the festival's executive committee.

She signed for the deaf at her church and in other situations.

She was born in Kendallville on May 1, 1921, to Walter F. and Mary Lou (Collins) Martz.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Verlin Lung of Kendallville and Kay and Greg Snapp of El Paso, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law; Tom and Kathy Kemerly of Nashville, Ind.; a stepson and his wife, William and Cindy Parker of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her companion, Teresa Ade and Snowden Edmundson of Sturgis, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; Gregory Lung, Geoffrey Lung, Todd Snapp, Lori Limas, Troy Kemerly, Hayden Kemerly, Isaac Fox, Ashley Holliday, Jarod Parker, Margie Parker, Isaah Parker, LeighAnn Parker, Stephen Ade, Nicole Glass and Amanda Edmundson; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death her first husband, Richard H. Kemerly, her second husband, Edward Kurtz, and her third husband, Joseph L. Parker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Apple Festival of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Harrison Triplett

AVILLA — Harrison Triplett, 70, of Avilla died Monday, June 16, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Triplett

Mr. Triplett had been employed with Auburn Gear in Auburn as a machine operator for 27 years before retiring in 1996.

He also was a life insurance agent with American Family Life Insurance and owned Peddlers Shirt & Gift Shop in Kendallville.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Patrick and Leza Triplett with the U.S. Army and stationed in Hawaii, David and Kari Triplett of Vincennes and Michael and Trissa Triplett of Vincennes; a daughter, Kathlene Triplett of Avilla; eight grandchildren; a brother, Carson Triplett of Mrytle Beach, S.C.; and two sisters, Victoria Gaspar and Sue Goris, both of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Hite Funeral Home.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 17, 2008, Tuesday

Richard Bianski

MISSION, Texas — Richard "Paul" Bianski, 81, died June 3, 2008 in Mission, Texas.

Mr. Bianski retired from the United States Postal Service in Minneapolis in 1987. He lived in Minneapolis from 1959 until 1992 when he moved to Foristell, Mo. He spent his winters in Mission, Texas.

He was an avid golfer. He golfed most days until about mid April when it became too hot in south Texas. Until last year he bowled regularly recording four sanctioned 300 games and an 801 series. He was voted into the Minneapolis District American Bowling Congress (ABC) Hall of Fame in 1999.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served one tour on a submarine.

Mr. Bianski had served as commander of Churubusco American Legion Post 157.

He was born Dec. 1, 1926, in South Bend to Frank Joseph and Leona (Richards) Bianski.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years and former Churubusco resident, Patricia (Jones) Bianski; his children, Paula and Jim Kilmer, Richard "Joe" Jr. and Penny Bianski and Julie Stone, all of the Minneapolis area; his granddaughters, Amy Anderson, Sara Stapf and Lindsey Quinn; a great-grandson, Cameron Quinn; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, James and Phyllis Bianski of LaOtto, Frances "Jr." and Janet Bianski of Churubusco and Mary Louise "Suzy" Bianski of LaOtto; and a brother-in-law, Russell Gienger of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Kostielney, Catherine Miller and Joan Gienger, and a brother, Ralph Frances Bianski.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege, with Father Danney Pinto officiating.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorials are Masses to the church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

Lola Shoup

CHURUBUSCO — Lola Shoup, 86, of Churubusco died at 4:40 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2008, at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 18, 2008, Wednesday

Woman dies in farm accident

BY TIFFANY YODER
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LAGRANGE — A farming accident claimed the life of a LaGrange woman Tuesday night.

Mary Margaret Brandenberger, 51, of 3575 S C.R. 150W, was riding a cart pulling a hay baler Tuesday when she fell off the cart at approximately 7 p.m. Jeff Helmuth, chief deputy coroner for LaGrange County, said.

LaGrange

Brandenberger died of head injuries when the cart pulling the baler ran over her.

"She did not get into the hay baler," Helmuth said. "She did not get run over by the baler."

The Samaritan helicopter was flown into the scene but did not transport anyone. "She died at the scene," said Helmuth. The time of death was announced as 7:55 p.m.

Brandenberger was a member of the Old Order Amish Church. Her husband is Ruben E. Brandenberger. Survivors include four daughters and three sons. Her obituary appears on Page A4.

Mary Brandenberger

LAGRANGE — Mary Margaret Brandenberger, 51, of LaGrange died at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at her residence as the result of injuries from a farming accident while making hay.

Mrs. Brandenberger was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born May 27, 1957, in LaGrange to Joseph J. and Sarah Jane (Lambright) Yoder. She married Reuben E. Brandenberger on May 3, 1979, in LaGrange County. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, LuElla, Shirley, Katherine and Marietta Brandenberger, all at home; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Elson and Laura Brandenberger of LaGrange and Cletus and Wilbur Brandenberger, both at home; her mother, Sarah Jane Yoder of LaGrange; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Emma Bontrager, Barbara and Henry Bontrager and Susie and Mervin Schmucker, all of LaGrange, Katie and Paul Brandenberger of Grabill, Fannie and Lavern Schlabach of Goshen and LuElla and Marlin Bontrager of Topeka; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe Jr. and Sue Yoder of LaGrange, William and Margaret Yoder of Woodburn and Freeman and Betty Yoder of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Wayne Miller residence, 3560 S. C.R. 150W, LaGrange with Bishop Martin R. Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Wayne Miller residence.

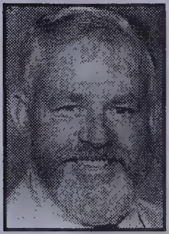
Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 18, 2008, Wednesday

Larry Brunson

FORT WAYNE — Larry M. Brunson, 72, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at his home.


Mr. Brunson

Mr. Brunson worked at NIPSCO in Fort Wayne for 39 years, retiring in 1994. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict. He was a member of the 6 Mile Horseshoe League. His hobbies included fishing and bowling, and he bowled for 40 years in area leagues.

He was born Feb. 21, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Ray and Opal (Forrest) Brunson. They preceded him in death.

He married Barbara A. Milks on Aug. 4, 1956, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Char Brunson of Auburn; a daughter, Lisa Biggins of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Jacob and Jennifer Biggins and Grace and Hannah Brunson; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Marilu Brunson of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Rebecca Ambrose of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Vaughn, Darrell, Hugh, Forrest, Garth, Ray and Leigh Brunson.

A memorial service will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Brian Slone

IDLEWILD, Mich. — Brian A. Slone, 17, of Idlewild died Thursday, June 5, 2008.

Mr. Slone

He attended Baldwin High School in Baldwin, Mich., and had formerly attended schools in Cedar Springs, Sparta and Bryon Center.

Mr. Slone loved to play video games and do mind teasers.

Surviving are his father, Bobby Slone and Crystal Settles of Orrville, Ohio, and formerly of Kendallville; his mother, Dianne Slone and Dan Jones of Idlewild; his grandparents, Austin and Elmetta Slone of Kendallville, Leona Corder of Baldwin and Eugene and Gayle Stevens of Hopkins, Mich.; three sisters, Susan Stevens and her fiance, Jerry Loveland, of Comstock Park, Mich., Cynthia Slone of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Casey Jones of Sidney, Mich.; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Edward Corder of Baldwin, and an uncle, Dale Stevens of Wayland.

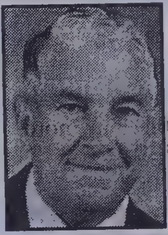
Services were June 11 at Ronan-Vanderpool-Stegenga Funeral Chapel, 3131 S. Division Ave., Wyoming, MI 49548. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Wayland, Mich.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at stegengafuneralchapel.com.

Robert Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Robert E. Miller, 81, of Middlebury died at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at his home.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was the Middlebury town marshal from 1952-1965.

He operated the Standard Oil station in Middlebury and worked for Syndicate Systems from 1965 until retiring in 1992.

Mr. Miller had also served as the assistant fire chief for the Middlebury Fire Department.

He enjoyed gardening and spending time outdoors and was obsessed with the Chicago Cubs.

He was born Aug. 6, 1926, in Wakarusa to John and the Viola (Beck) Miller. He married R. Jean Miller on April 1, 1950, at Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, R. Mitchell Miller of Middlebury, and six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Kathryn Stein of Elkhart, Dorothy Lehman of Palm Bay, Fla., Loraine Platz of Bristol, Jeanne and Thomas Naylor of Bristol, Marjorie and Donald Fisher of Howe and Charlene and Ned Gates of Santa Rosa, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Gwendolyn Maas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Middlebury Parks Department.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 18, 2008, Wednesday

Lola Shoup

CHURUBUSCO — Lola Meredith Shoup, 86, of Churubusco and formerly of Swanton, Ohio, died Monday, June 16, 2008, in Albion following a brief illness.

Mrs. Shoup spent most of her life in Swanton. She lived briefly in Texas during World War II while her husband, Kenneth, was in the Air Force. The couple owned the Swanton Lumber Co. from the mid-1950s until its closure in 1969. They moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 1988. Mr. Shoup died in 1998 and she moved to Churubusco in 2002 to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Jana and John Rector.

She had been active in several churches including Trinity United Methodist Church and Brailey Union Church, both in Swanton, and Merriam Christian Chapel near Albion. She counseled in the Bill Glass Prison Ministry and visited women's prisons.

Mrs. Shoup was a member of the Delphians study club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her hobbies included creating baby quilts and crocheting baby afghans for new mothers at her church.

She was born Aug. 25, 1921, in Swanton to George O. and Bertha M. (Merrill) Conklin.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Jana and John Rector of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Karen Sloan of Naperville, Ill., and Kevin Shoup and Kathy Wegner of Fredericksburg, Va.; 10 grandchildren, Joshua, Timothy, Jeremy, Daniel, Kerry, Michele, Morgan, Karl, Maria and Aljosha; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Norman Shoup in 2008, and a sister, Irma Kornmueller in 1998.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Merriam Christian Chapel near Albion with the Rev. Steven Pulley officiating. Burial will be in Swanton Cemetery in Swanton, Ohio, following the memorial service.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Beverly Gordon

CROMWELL — Beverly J. (Romine) Gordon, 62, a resident of Knapp Lake died at 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for nearly eight months.

Mrs. Gordon

Mrs. Gordon had moved to Knapp Lake in 1999. She had previously lived in Garrett and in St. Paris, Ohio.

She had been employed as a nurse's aid at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, had worked as a waitress and cook at the Top Hat Restaurant in St. Paris, and for 14 years she worked as a teacher's aide for disabled children with the Fort Wayne Community School System.

She was a 1964 graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Gordon enjoyed collecting turtles and watching the wildlife at Knapp Lake. She also enjoyed spending time with her family.

She was born Oct. 25, 1945, in Kendallville to Leo E. and Edith M. (Clouse) Romine. She married Allen C. Gordon on April 6, 1965. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy and Gail Gordon of St. Paris, Ohio, and Petty Officer 1st Class Terry Gordon of Virginia Beach, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammi and Rex Durst of St. Paris; her mother, Edith Romine of Churubusco; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and John Barrett of Churubusco and Bonita and Steve Abshire of Columbia City; seven grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father on July 7, 1979.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Revs. Christine and Paul Newman-Jacobs officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Churubusco American Legion Post 157, 115 S. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723 or to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

Opal Hassett

FREMONT — Opal Ruth Hassett, 87, of Fremont died Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier, Ohio.

She was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Quincy, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 18, 2008, Wednesday

Steven Collet

BEEBE, Ariz. — Steven Lee Collet, 48, of Beebe, died on Feb. 23, 2008.

He was a graduate of West Noble High School and later received a Bachelor of Science degree in professional aeronautics.

Mr. Collet retired as a chief master sergeant from the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Gulf War, Desert Storm and Panama conflict.

He was born Nov. 28, 1959, to Raymond and Joyce Collet of Ligonier. They survive.

On Aug. 31, 1985, he married Sandra Kwiatkowski. She survives in Beebe.

Also surviving are a son, Sean, and a daughter, Samantha, both of Beebe; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Stan Collet of Ligonier, Stuart Collet of Huntington and Bruce and Teresa Collet of Alexandria, Va.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Louis and Edith Collet of Hamilton and Bruce and Pauline Blair of Butler.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with Pastor Jack Hull officiating.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Ray Hawkins Jr.

LIGONIER — Ray H. Hawkins Jr., 26, of Ligonier and formerly of Rensselaer died at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hawkins had been a Ligonier resident since 1986.

He was employed with Indiana Wood Products in Middlebury. He had previously worked in the mobile home industry.

He was born Aug. 14, 1981, in Brook, Ind., to Ray Sr. and Mary (Burman) Hawkins. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Maxon Hawkins of Ligonier; and his son's mother, Michelle Stimmel of North Webster.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Betty Hawkins and Bob and Eda Burman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stone's Hill Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Lora Walling

COLDWATER, Mich. — Lora M. Walling, 74, formerly of Reading Township, Mich., and Montepelier, Ohio, died Saturday, June 14, 2008, at The Laurels of Coldwater.

Mrs. Walling was a member of quilting groups at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Sacred Heart Church in Montpelier. She also volunteered at Domestic Harmony shelter with "Project Linus" and had been a 4-H leader with dog, horse and craft clubs.

She was born June 3, 1934, in Detroit to Harry and Mary (Furneff) Bullock. She married Eugene Walling on Sept. 16, 1961. He died in 1998.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Teresa and Smith Woodard of LaGrange, and Mary Douglas of Quincy, Mich.; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Raymond Walling of Fremont, Joseph and Amy Walling of Montpelier, and John Walling of Port Lavaca, Texas; a sister, Dolly Davies of White Lake, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Judy Bullock of Cheboygen, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son and two brothers, Jack and Walter Bullock.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, with the Rev. Ioane Sigarara officiating. Burial will follow in Maplewood Cemetery in Reading.

Calling will be hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Domestic Harmony in Hillsdale, Mich.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 18, 2008, Wednesday

Harrison Triplett, 70

AVILLA – Harrison Triplett, age 70, of Avilla died on Monday at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was employed with Auburn Gear in Auburn as a machine operator for 27 years before retiring in 1996.

He also was a life insurance agent with American Family Life Insurance and owned Peddlers Shirt & Gift Shop in Kendallville.

Survivors include: three sons, Patrick (Leza) Triplett, U.S. Army, stationed in Hawaii, David (Kari) and Michael (Trissa) Triplett of Vincennes, and one daughter, Kathlene Triplett of Avilla; eight grandchildren; a brother, Carson Triplett of Mrytle Beach, South Carolina; and two sisters, Victoria Gaspar and Sue Goris of Kendallville.

Funeral Services were June 18, at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family in care of Hite Funeral Home.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Madelynne Parker, 87

KENDALLVILLE – Madelynne Parker, 87, of Kendallville, died Sunday, June 15, 2008 at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville. Mrs Parker owned and operated Kem's Salon in Kendallville for many years.

She and her husband Joe, also owned and operated Parker Auctions in Kendallville.

Mrs. Parker was in charge of the primitive area at the Apple Festival of Kendallville for many years and served on the festival's executive committe.

She signed for the deaf at her church and in other situations.

She was born in Kendallville on May 1, 1921, to Walter F. and Mary Lou (Collins) Martz.

Surviving are two daughters, Nancy (Verlin) Lung of Kendallville and Kay (Greg) Snapp of El Paso, TX; a son, Tom (Kathy) Kemerly of Nashville, IN; a stepson William (Cindy) Parker of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her companion, Teresa Ade and Snowden Edmundson of Sturgis, MI; fifteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard H. Kemerly, her second husband, Edward Kurtz and her third husband, Joeseph L. Parker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Apple Festival of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 19, 2008, Thursday

Opal Hassett

FREMONT — Opal Ruth Hassett, 87, of Fremont, died Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mrs. Hassett

Mrs. Hassett was a homemaker and worked at the Kroger store in Fremont.

She graduated from Fremont High School and was a member of the Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257 Auxiliary. She enjoyed gardening, was the family hairdresser and worked on remodeling projects, including wallpaper hanging.

She was born Oct. 15, 1920, in Quincy, Mich., to Clarence and Anna (Novy) Antrup. She married Adrian Burl "Tug" Hassett on Aug. 20, 1939, in Auburn. He died on Sept. 2, 1991.

She is survived by four daughters, Becky Peters of Camden, Mich., Joan Smith, and Kim Ellen Hassett, both of Cambridge, N.Y., and Pamela Hassett of Tellico Plains, Tenn.; a son, John Charles Hassett of Paw Paw, Mich.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Annabelle Comstock of Las Cruces, N.M., Donna Budd of Coldwater, Mich., and Shirley Stutz of Fremont; and two brothers, Elsworth Antrup of Mishawaka and Edward Antrup of Pleasant Lake.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Meyers and Jennie Flansburg; two brothers Charles and Lester Antrup, and two grandchildren, David J. and Anna Marie Ryan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lakeside Cemetery Association or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Jeffrey Best

ELKHART — Jeffrey L. Best, 57, of Elkhart died Tuesday, June 10, 2008, in Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Best was a 1968 graduate of Garrett High School and attended Indiana University. He was an engineer at Modineer Co. in Niles, Mich., for five years and had worked at AM General in Mishawaka.

He was a member of the IU Alumni Association and was an IU basketball and Chicago Bears fan and a gardener.

Mr. Best

He was born Nov. 9, 1950, in Garrett to Norman Sr. and Lois (Freeze) Best. His mother preceded him in death, and his father survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are a son, Joel Best of Fort Benning, Ga.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jill and Jay Madary of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Jamye and Kerry Fear of Argos; eight grandchildren; his fiancee, Vicki Tackett of Elkhart; and one brother, Norman Best Jr. of Indianapolis.

Cremation has taken place. Billings Funeral Home of Elkhart was in charge of arrangements. Pastor David Garty of Living Stone Christian Fellowship Church, Middlebury, officiated at a memorial service.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association, 115 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Condolences may be sent to billingsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 19, 2008, Thursday

Paul Fish

FORT WAYNE — Paul C. Fish, 88, died Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fish worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1976. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in World War II, where he was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mr. Fish

He was a member of American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne, Concord Masonic Lodge 556 and the Fort Wayne Radio Club as K9LSA.

He was born Dec. 24, 1919, in Hartford, Tenn., to Dr. Charles Roscoe and Emily (Price) Fish.

He married Marguerite Dixon on Oct. 6, 1945, in Fort Wayne. She died April 30, 1978.

He then married Luisa Finau on Jan. 25, 1982, in Key Largo, Fla., and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Dr. Karen Griggs of Ashley and Rita Bailey of Auburn; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Darrell Fish and his fiancee, Janice Fleger of Fort Wayne, Warren and Mary Fish of Greenfield and Dwight and Oxana Fish of Elkhart; a stepson and his wife, Joe and Brandie Fish of Auburn; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Carl Fish of Cosby, Tenn., and J.R. Fish of Newport, Tenn.; and three sisters, Beula Wilde of Arden, N.C., Ruth Banks of Danridge, Tenn., and Allene Fish of Madisonville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Robert Griggs; two grandchildren, Melisa Bailey and Benjamin Fish; three brothers, Richard, Troy and Fred Fish; and two sisters, Viola Kidd and Waneta Brown.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, with military honors by the Fort Wayne American Legion Post 47.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. conducted by Concord Masonic Lodge 556.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne American Legion Post 47.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 19, 2008, Thursday

Memorial service for Steven Collet is Saturday

BEEBE, Ariz. — Steven Lee Collet, 48, of Beebe, died on Feb. 23, 2008.

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He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Louis and Edith Collet of Hamilton and Bruce and Pauline Blair of Butler.

Graveside services with military honors will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with Pastor Jack Hull officiating.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of local arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Ray Hawkins Jr.

LIGONIER — Ray H. Hawkins Jr., 26, of Ligonier and formerly of Rensselaer died at 3:25 a.m. Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hawkins had been a Ligonier resident since 1986.

He was employed with Indiana Wood Products in Middlebury. He had previously worked in the mobile home industry.

He was born Aug. 14, 1981, in Brook, Ind., to Ray Sr. and Mary (Burman) Hawkins. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Maxon Hawkins of Ligonier; and his son's mother, Michelle Stimmel of North Webster.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Betty Hawkins and Bob and Eda Burman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 20, 2008, Friday

Archie Downs

LAOTTO — Archie O. Downs, 88, of rural LaOtto died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at his home. He had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Downs

Mr. Downs had been a truck driver for the Teamster's union for many years, and retired from the former Elway Freight in Fort Wayne.

He spent his formative years in New Haven and Columbia City. As a young man he served with the U. S. Army.

He was born Dec. 24, 1919, in New Haven to Frank and Goldie (Bieber) Downs. He married Clara M. Wells on April 29, 1944. She died Feb. 8, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael R. and Pat Downs of Churubusco; a daughter, Melody K. Plummer of Huntertown; four grandchildren, Nicholas Downs, Melani Middaugh, Dustin Downs and Matt Plummer; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Send condolences to the family at sheetsandchilds.net.

Esther Coburn

ST. JOE — Esther L. Coburn, 90, of St. Joe, died Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coburn

Mrs. Coburn was a homemaker. She was a member of the St. Joe Church of Christ and a bunko player, belonging to the St. Joe Bunko Club.

She was born Dec. 23, 1917, in DeKalb County to Romeo E. and Nellie J. (Warner) Richards.

She married Orville "Babe" R. Coburn on Sept. 21, 1938, in Harlan. He died March 18, 2006.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Susie and Lynn Witt of Grabill and Kay L. Zeisloft of Auburn; five grandchildren, Tami Smith, Jenni Boese, Jeff Witt, Jeremy Zeisloft and Sarah Kelley; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; a brother, William Richards of St. Joe; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ann E. Richards of St. Joe and L. Mae and Walter Ervin of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Bradd C. Zeisloft; a grandson, Michael L. Witt; and a brother, Russell L. Richards.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Northeast Allen Relay for Life.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Brian Slone

IDLEWILD, Mich. — Brian A. Slone, 17, of Idlewild died Thursday, June 5, 2008.

Mr. Slone

He attended Baldwin High School in Baldwin, Mich., and had formerly attended schools in Cedar Springs, Sparta and Bryon Center.

Brian loved to play video games and do mind teasers.

Surviving are his father, Bobby Slone and Crystal Settles of Orrville, Ohio, and formerly of Wolcottville; his mother, Dianne Slone and Dan Jones of Idlewild; his grandparents, Austin and Elmetta Slone of Wolcottville, Leona Corder of Baldwin and Eugene and Gayle Stevens of Hopkins, Mich.; three sisters, Susan Stevens and her fiance, Jerry Loveland, of Comstock Park, Mich., Cynthia Slone of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Casey Jones of Sidney, Mich.; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Edward Corder of Baldwin, and an uncle, Dale Stevens of Wayland.

Services were held June 11 at Ronan-Vanderpool-Stegenga Funeral Chapel, 3131 S. Division Ave., Wyoming, MI 49548. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Wayland, Mich.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at stegengafuneralchapel.com.

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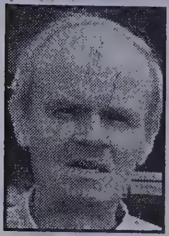
Joseph Rugman

AUBURN — Joseph L. Rugman, 63, of Auburn died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Rugman

Mr. Rugman worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 34 years, retiring in November 1997. He was a 1963 graduate of Garrett High School.

He was a member of the Garrett Church of the Nazarene. He served as president of the historical society in Auburn. He collected antiques and attended flea markets and garage sales.

He was born Nov. 27, 1944, in Auburn to Ralph W. and Belva (Chorpenning) Rugman.

He married his wife, Glenna F., on May 21, 1965, in Garrett. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Neil Simmons of Churubusco; a son, Joseph L. Rugman Jr. of Auburn; two grandchildren, Brayden and Kaylee Simmons of Churubusco; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Nancy Moore of Newville, Bob and Sharron Plummer of Auburn, Bob and Martha Geyer of Spencerville and Merlin and Dawn Bartels of Garrett; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Charles and Anita Carnahan of St. Joe, Ralph Rugman of Garrett and Bruce and Becky Rugman of Auburn; and a stepsister, Sandy Guinn of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepfather, Earl Gradeless; four brothers, Ed Carnahan, Bob Rugman, Keith Rugman and Steven Rugman; a stepbrother, Steven Gradeless; a nephew; and two nieces.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for his grandchildren and to the Friends Cancer Support Group of Auburn.

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Donn Snell

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Donn H. Snell, 74, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a 1951 graduate of Avilla High School, a 1953 graduate of Fort Wayne Art Institute and a 1963 graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Banking. He also attended classes at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Avilla and later a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville.

In 2007 he was an honorary chairperson for the Relay for Life in Hicksville. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 478, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 2556, the American Legion Post No. 223 and a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, all of Hicksville. He was also past president of the Defiance & Henry County Bankers Association, past president of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Hicksvile Water and Sewer Department, treasurer of the Salvation Army, treasurer of the Handicap Citizens of Fort Wayne, board member of the American Red Cross Defiance Chapter, Good Samaritan School and Quadco. He served as a PTO member, volunteer of the Boy Scouts in Fort Wayne and Hicksville, a committee member of the Hicksville Centennial Committee and supporter of the Special Olympics.

Mr. Snell was a veteran of the US Army, serving from 1955-1957 and Army Reserve from 1957-1959. He was employed at Dana Corporation from 1952-1958, and held various part-time jobs at Woolworths, J.C. Penney, Sears, UPS and a potato chip delivery driver. He worked at the Community State Bank of Avilla in 1958 and was employed by The Hicksville Bank in 1959. He became vice president of The Hicksville Bank in 1977 and retired in 1992. He also was co-owner of the Hicksville Village Inn Pizza Shop in the mid-1970s and after retirement owned and operated Rainbow Pools.

He was born Sept. 21, 1933, to Jay M. and Pauline (Brindle) Snell in Laotto. He married Texas Jett in October 1959. She survives in Harlan.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Kim J. and Kimberly J. (Hoover) Snell of Harlan and Brent B. Snell of Hicksville; four grandchildren, Christy M. Asher, Hope Fredrick, Jason D. Snell and William G. Fredrick; five great-grandchildren, Serena Snell, Damien Asher, Flaviano Garcia, Gustavo Garcia and Juan Garcia and one brother, Robert J. Snell of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville on Monday at 2 p.m. with Pastor Ric Beals officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with an Eagles service at 6, and one hour before the funeral.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ruth Tucker

AUBURN — Ruth Rebecca Tucker, 86, of Auburn died Friday, June 20, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Tucker was the secretary-treasurer at Charleston Metal in Waterloo for many years. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born May 13, 1922, in Peru, Ind., to George and Mable (Bartholmew) Freshour.

Mrs. Tucker

She married Howard Raymond Tucker on Dec. 7, 1939, in Largo and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, George William and Darlene Tucker of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and George Davis of Auburn; six grandchildren, Christine Rowe, Bill Tucker Jr., Dan Tucker, Kimberly Hall, Adam Davis and Jessica Coulon; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Freshour.

Services will be Sunday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Larry Griffith officiating. A private family burial will be at a later date in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Shirley Washington

FORT WAYNE — Shirley A. Washington, 62, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 10:17 p.m. at her home.

She was born March 22, 1946, to John T. and Mary Belle (Doster) Andrews. They preceded her in death.

Ms. Washington

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Terry Washington of Fort Wayne, Marcus and Kenzie Washington of Bloomington and Carl and Gail Washington of Durham, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle and Ken Rose of White Lake, Mich., and Katrina Washington of Saginaw; 21 grandchildren; five sisters, Jeanette Tinsley of New Haven, Leotha Murphy of Bay City, Mich., Cleotha Tinsley and Phyllis Andrews, both of Saginaw, and Violet Bland of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Claudia Andrews of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond E. and Lloyd W. Andrews.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of rural Garrett, with Pastor Ronald Rutledge officiating.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the Allen County Cancer Society or the Fort Wayne Christian Academy.

To send a condolence or sign an online register book, visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Miriam Black

FORT WAYNE — Miriam E. Black, 86, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Black had worked as a nurse for 27 years at Lutheran Hospital.

She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Black

Surviving are two children, Michael Black and Jane and Tom Clayton; two brothers and their spouses, Clarence and Georgina Roth and Charles and Carol Roth; three sisters, Edna Eickhoff, Eloise Zion and Ruth and Dale Graft; and a sister-in-law, Bonnie Roth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ansel; two brothers Walter and John Roth; and two sisters, Ethel Nycum and Dorothy Fogwell.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to Bethany Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Baby Girl Williams

KENDALLVILLE — Baby Girl Williams, daughter of Rick Davied and Angela Marie (Bolen) Williams, II was born prematurely Thursday, June 19, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn and died a short time later.

Surviving are her parents; three brothers, Noah Williams, Ashton Williams and Trenton Joshua Bolen, all of Kendallville; grandparents, Roger and Kim Bolen of Kendallville and Rick and Lori Williams of Rome City; great-grandparents Al and Marty Pyle of Kendallville and Hakn and Kathleen "Kat" Williams of Rome City; great-great-grandparents Galen and Geraldine Gillenwater of Lisbon, Armelda Ritchie of Rome City and Leona Sage of Kendallville.

Graveside services will take place later at Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online at www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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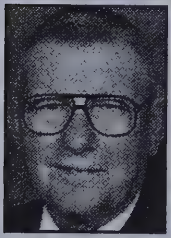
George Schrock

LIGONIER — George E. Schrock, 72, of Ligonier died unexpectedly from an apparent heart attack while working at his farm at 8:44 p.m. on Thursday, June 19.

He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church for over 25 years.

Mr. Schrock retired from Western Rubber after 37 years of service, had farmed for the last 27 years and was employed at Maple Crest Community Church for over 25 years.


Mr. Schrock

He was born Aug. 17, 1935 in Elkhart County to Ervin E. and Fannie D. (Miller) Schrock. He married Martha L. Taggart on May 19, 1961. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Rhonda Schrock of New Paris; one daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Terry Moses of Ligonier; seven grandchildren, David Bailey of Ligonier, Josh Welty, and Holly Welty, all of Ligonier, Ryan Schrock of Goshen, Elizabeth Schrock of Waterloo, Iowa, Derek Schrock and Kari Schrock, both of New Paris; five great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Albert E. and Maxine Schrock of Illinois and John E. Schrock of Michigan and one sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Larry McClellan of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Schrock; his parents and six brothers, David Schrock, Joseph Schrock, Noah Schrock, Jacob Schrock, Earl Schrock and Leo Schrock.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Thelma Ellis

BRONSON, Mich. — Thelma Ellis, 80, of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, June 20, 2008, at the Rose Arbor Hospice House in Kalamazoo, Mich. following a short illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. John Lutheran Church in Burr Oak, Mich., with Pastor Kurt Kuhlman officiating.

Calling will be at the Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson from 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

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Vaughn always there for people

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Hal Vaughn was described by his friend Betty Moody, left, as "a most enjoyable person." Vaughn was active as musical director of the Pleasant Lake Lions Club as well as singing in a number of area theatrical productions. With Vaughn and Moody is Mabel Robinette of Fort Wayne. All three were active in the Order of the Eastern Star.

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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FREMONT — When Hal Vaughn died on June 8, family and friends said he was doing what he loved.

Lori Vaughn, Hal's niece, and Betty Moody, a long-time friend of Vaughn, both pointed out that Vaughn had been visiting a niece in Minnesota, and attending a pair of graduations.

"They (his family) were always very important to him," Moody said. "He was actually planning on being in Texas for another graduation."

Lori Vaughn said she remembered her uncle taking her and her sister to their first movie. In the days since Vaughn said she'd heard from many people in Fremont about how they'd just seen her uncle at the grocery store or around town a few days earlier.

"He was just a really good friend to a lot of people, and he loved to be out and about. He loved this community, he loved Fremont and Angola," Lori said.

Steve Vaughn, also of Fremont, lived close to his uncle. "He was somebody who was always there for you. If I ever needed anything, he was there."

Vaughn said his uncle had helped him through some difficult periods, simply by being there.

"He was good counsel. He wouldn't tell you what to do, but he was somebody who'd let you vent it out," he said.

Moody said her friend was just great to be around.

"He was a most enjoyable person. He nearly always had a smile for you," Moody said. "He loved to tell these little stories, but there'd always be a point to them, a reason he would tell them. He was a delight. I don't know anybody who didn't like him."

Vaughn served as a business teacher and vocational director at the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County, retiring in 1989, as well as working at Camden-Frontier Schools in Camden, Mich., and at Four County Vocational Cooperative in Kendallville. Oren Skinner, former MSD superintendent, worked with Vaughn in two separate stints at MSD.

"He was very professional, very open," Skinner said. "He was just a very likable person, there were no strangers with him."

Lori Vaughn, who served as the principal of Fremont Elementary School until last week when she took another post in the district, said she and her uncle both grew up in a family of teachers. Hal, he said, did make his own impression.

"I would say I probably did inherit my passion from him," she said.

Moody, who taught kindergarten at MSD while Vaughn was there, said Vaughn was still treated with respect long after he had retired.

"Still to this day, he was Mr. Vaughn to his former students," Moody said. From his attire to the way his students addressed him, Moody said, he did his best to create that respect.

"He was the kind of person who told you what he thought," she said.

Vaughn was perhaps better known in the community for his work as public address announcer for Angola sporting events, as well as an emcee at the Angola Fourth of July Parade. He also served as a longtime musical director for the Pleasant Lake Lions Club, which puts on an annual minstrel show, and for his work in many area theatrical productions, where he would show off his baritone voice.

"He was extremely honored to be asked to do that (to emcee the Fourth of July Parade)," Vaughn saide. "He loved to be out and about. It was always about music and plays. He really did influence me in that direction. Definitely, music and theater were his passion."

Vaughn said her uncle had saved most every playbill or theatrical program from events he was in.

Moody said Vaughn's love of music was something he wasn't shy about sharing.

"He had a beautiful voice. He would sing at church, at weddings for former students," she said.

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Dorothy Shaeffer

ANGOLA — Dorothy M. Shaeffer, 83, of Angola died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Lakeland Nursing Center.

Mrs. Shaeffer retired after 30 years as a home economics teacher at Prairie Heights High School. She graduated from South English High School in 1942 and Goshen College in 1946. She attended Sonlight Community Church in Angola. Her hobbies included crafts, sewing, cooking, gardening, traveling, and her dogs.

She was born April 1, 1925, in South English, Iowa, to Lewis and Ida (Hertzler) Powell. She married Russell Shaeffer May 4, 1957 in Angola. He preceded her in death Aug. 22, 1986.

Surviving are three nieces and six nephews; three sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, two brothers, one niece, and one nephew.

Gaveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Fremont Cemetery with Pastor John Willoughby officiating.

Memorials are to Sonlight Community Church.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

Julia DeRosa

ANGOLA — Julia Ann DeRosa, 92, of Angola died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. DeRosa was the co-owner of Louies Sweet Shop. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church. She also was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Rho Chapter, and Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born Oct. 29, 1915, in Garrett to Paul and Rosina (DeRose) Muzzillo. She married Louis DeRosa Jan. 25, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1974.

Surviving are two sons and their spouses, Dr. G. Paul and Mary Ann DeRosa of Durham, N.C., and Anthony and Marda DeRosa of Mishawaka; a daughter, Josephine LaVine of Highland; two brothers, Ben Muzzillo on Winona Lake and Norbert Muzzillo of Avilla; three sisters, Theresa Whitcraft of Winona Lake, Margaret Lung of Garrett, and Mary Spadafore of Ohio; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Michael LaVine; two brothers, Martin and James Muzzillo; and three sisters, Virginia DePaolo, Marie Johnson and Jane Muzzillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

James Sibert

KENDALLVILLE — James Franklin Sibert, 65, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Sibert was employed at No-Sag in Kendallville for many years. He served in the Army National Guard from 1964-65 and was a past member of the American Legion Post No. 86, VFW Post No. 2749 and Kendallville Moose Lodge.

He was born Nov. 21, 1942, in Kendallville to Harold and Marjorie Ellen (Craven) Sibert.

Surviving are four children and their spouses, Jamesi and Russell Lemon of Kendallville, Tommy and Leslie Sibert of Kendallville, Lori Heinz of Florida, Kimbre Sibert of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alex Lemon, Claire Lemon, James "J.C." Lemon, Ethan Lemon, Gavin Lemon, Lotus Sibert, Hannah Sibert and Cassiday Sibert; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Kenneth Bodenhafer of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, William and Janet Sibert of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carmin Bolen; a son, Jimmy Bolen; and a brother, David Sibert.

Services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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He was born Aug. 17, 1935, in Elkhart County to Ervin E. and Fannie D. (Miller) Schrock. He married Martha L. Targgart on May 19, 1961. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Rhonda Schrock of New Paris; one daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Terry Moses of Ligonier; seven grandchildren, David Bailey of Ligonier, Josh Welty, Ryan Schrock, Holly Welty, all of Ligonier, Elizabeth Schrock of Waterloo, Iowa, Derek Schrock and Kari Schrock, both of New Paris; five great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Albert E. and Maxine Schrock of Illinois and John E. Schrock of Michigan and a sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Larry McClellan of Topeka.

Mr. Schrock

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Schrock; his parents and six brothers, David Schrock, Joseph Schrock, Noah Schrock, Jacob Schrock, Earl Schrock and Leo Schrock.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Dana Wood

ANGOLA — Dana Renee Wood, 25, of Angola died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Dana Wood

She was a stay-at-home mom and had worked at the former Oak Meadows Learning Center in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 15, 1982, in Butler to Nannette (Frank) Wood of Butler and Michael Wood, also of Butler. They survive.

Also surviving are a son and daughter, Emma Noelle Woods and Elijah Nolan Rose; a brother and sister-in-law, Ryan and Karrie Wood of Hamilton; a nephew and a niece; and her grandparents, Jack and Emma Frank of St. Joe, Norma and Bill Johnson of Auburn and Robert and Roberta Wood of North Vernon.

Services will be Wednesday, July 2, at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Scott Miner will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday, July 1, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday, July 2, from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to help defray funeral costs or to the Emma Woods and Elijah Rose Trust.

Dorma Hull

COLUMBIA CITY — Dorma Jean "Jeannie" Hull, 87, of Columbia City died Friday, June 20, 2008, at 2:45 p.m. at Grace Village Retirement Community in Winona Lake.

Mrs. Hull

She was a housewife and mother and had worked at a local factory. She attended Washington Center School in Noble County and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1939.

She was born May 23, 1921, in Noble County to Fred and Ruth (Wineland) Stump.

On Sept. 8, 1940, she married Keith A. Hull in Pierceton. He died Dec. 19, 1992.

During the time her husband was in the U.S. Navy, she lived one year in California. She also resided in various parts of the United States, including Auburn, New Buffalo, Mich, Illinois, Wisconsin and in LaPorte for 20 years before returning to Columbia City in 1997.

Surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, Larry Lee and Barbara Hull of Warsaw, Richard D. and Norma Hull of Garrett, Paul Hull of West Cavena, Calif., Harry A. and Sandy Hull of Buffalo, Mich.. Ronald D. and Mary Hull of Columbia City and Max McKinley of Butler; two daughters and a son-in-law, Peggy and Charles Dorwick of Milan and Nancy Hull; a brother, Dick Stump of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Wanda Murphy of Churubusco, Carol June Hinton of Roanoke, Bonnie Jo Blair of Fort Wayne and Brenda Rock of Columbus, Ohio; 31 foster children; 28 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Paul E. Hargrove and McClellen Lockhard; a sister, Hazel Annadell Darby; a sister-in-law, Virginia Hull; and a brother-in-law, Phil Hull.

Services were today at 11 a.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Chaplain Glenn Byers of Grace Village Retirement Village Retirement Community officiated.

Burial was in Stough Cemetery at Columbia City.

Memorials are to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice at Warsaw or Grace Village at Winona Lake.

To send condolences or sign an online guest book, visit demoneygrimes.com.

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Polly Miller

MILLERSBURG — Polly J. Miller, 89, of Millersburg died at 2:10 p.m. Sunday, June 22, 2008, at her residence. She had been in declining health since January.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She had lived in Indiana since 1936.

She was born Sept. 23, 1918, in Dodge City, Kan., to Jonas B. and Ida (Miller) Gingerich. She married Alvin J. Miller on Dec. 21, 1939, in Topeka. He survives.

Surviving are four daughters, Esther and John Bontrager of Topeka, Marlene and Christie Yoder of Millersburg, Lou Ida and Elvon "Bill" Miller of Topeka, and Betty and Vernon Miller of Goshen; three sons, Kenneth and Connie Miller of Millersburg, Vernon and Marilyn Miller of Millersburg and Mervin and LaVerda Miller of Millersburg; 43 grandchildren; 146 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Clara Slabaugh of Fort Worth, Texas.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna Lambright and Malinda Steury; and six brothers, Melvin, Ben, Noah, Joe, Andy and Albert Gingerich.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the John Bontrager Jr. residence, 11750 W. C.R. 600S, Millersburg, with Bishop Freeman Eash and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Monday and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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She was born April 1, 1925, in South English, Iowa, to Lewis and Ida (Hertzler) Powell. She married Russell Schaeffer May 4, 1957, in Angola. He died Aug. 22, 1986.

She is survived by three nieces; six nephews; three sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, two brothers, one niece, and one nephew.

Graveside services were today at 10 a.m. in Fremont Cemetery with Pastor John Willoughby officiating.

Memorials are to Sonlight Community Church.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Helen Wiles

LIGONIER — Helen May Wiles, 93, of Ligonier died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at The Maples in Goshen.

Mrs. Wiles retired in 1977 from Monsanto Plastics in Ligonier. Prior to that she worked at Spangler Candy factory in Ohio and various other factories.

Mrs. Wiles

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ in Wolcottville and enjoyed singing and playing the organ.

Mrs. Wiles enjoyed watching birds and tending to her flowers. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 14, 1915, to Emery and Lilly May (Matthews) Kistler. She was first married to George W. Poff on May 7, 1934, and he preceded her death Jan. 19, 1956. She then married Thomas Kennedy on June 13, 1964, and he died April 2, 1977. She later married Robert Wiles on June 8, 1982, and he preceded her death June 8, 1990.

Surviving are two stepsons, Donald Kennedy and his wife, Enola, of Gulfport, Miss., and Mike Wiles of Michigan; two stepdaughters, Becky Smith and Cheryl Shamp; 17 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 23 stepgreat-grandchildren; 47 great-great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Darold and Betty Kistler of Kendallville and LeRoy and Betty Weaver of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Carol Sue Cook in 1992, Sona Lou Whalen on Jan. 4, 2001, and Violet June Birch on July 8, 2005; two sisters, Donna Temple and Eileen Marshall-Temple; a brother, Pete Kistler; twin grandsons, Darlo Cook who died in 2006 and Darrel Cook who died in 1957; two great-grandsons, Darrel Cook and Tommy Gibson; and a great-great-granddaughter, Miracle Dawn Wieber.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

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James Dabbs

HOWE — James A. Dabbs, 82, of Howe died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Dabbs worked as a millwright for Ford Motor Co. and was a transporter for Skyline in Howe.

He moved to Howe from Walled Lake, Mich.

He was a Navy veteran serving during World War II.

Mr. Dabbs was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge F.&A.M. No. 76.

He was born Jan. 15, 1926, in Durham, N.C., to Chester E. and Mary Elizabeth (Hester) Dabbs. On June 20, 1964, he married Betty June Gardner in Garden City, Mich. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and James Eoff of Riverside, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Joe Paul and Lori Dabbs of Virginia Beach, Va.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Mary Jo and Tim Burcham of Hillsdale, Mich.; five stepsons and their wives, Marlowe and Barbara Wanks of Redford, Mich., Terry and Diane Wanks of Hiram, Ga., Larry and Judy Wanks of Bronson, Mich., Randy and Beverly Wanks of Sturgis, Mich., and Ken and Alice Wanks of Lakeville, Mich.; 36 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Naomi Wilson and Sara; and a brother, Phillip Dabbs all of Cedar Grove, N.C.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alan H. Dabbs; and a sister, Sharon Majors.

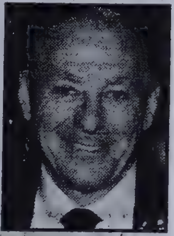
Cremation has taken place. There will be no services.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

George Somers Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — George Lorne Somers Sr., 84, of Kendallville and formerly of Detroit, Mich., died Monday, June 23, 2008, at his residence.



Mr. Somers Sr.

Mr. Somers grew up in Detroit and Fremont. He graduated from Fremont High School in 1943. He became an American citizen, and was naturalized at Liverpool, England, in 1944.

He joined the United States Army and attained the rank of staff sergeant with the 458th Air Service Group until his discharge in 1945.

Mr. Somers retired in 1983 as a supervisor with General Motors in Ypsilanti, Mich., after 32 years of service.

He enjoyed sports and was known as an excellent bowler and woodworker. He served as a high school and park league baseball umpire for many years.

Mr. Somers was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mr. Somers was born in London, Ontario, Canada, on Sept. 19, 1923, to George and Pearl Violet (Guymer) Somers. He married Catherine Jacqueline "Jackie" Dodd on July 6, 1944, at the Parish Church in New Sleaford, England. She preceded him in death in April 1975. He later married Faith Fern (Kottmann) Burds on Feb. 6, 1976, in St. Christopher Catholic Church in Detroit. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Kim Somers of Freesoil, Mich., Frank and Karen Somers of Howell, Mich., John and Debbie Somers of Bellaire, Mich., and Charles and Becky Somers of Newport, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pearl and Todd Mallock of Westland, Mich., and Patty and David Kennedy of Scottsboro, Ala.; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Sandra Chapp of Houston, Texas, Susan Burds of Rock Hill, S.C., and Christine and Chris Butler of Kendallville; three stepsons and their wives, Robert Burds of Dallas, Texas, Dr. Jeffrey and Irene Burds of Fiskdale, Mass., and Timothy Burds of Kendallville; two daughters-in-law, Kathy Somers of Mio, Mich., and Peggy Burds of Lancaster, Texas; many grandchildren and stepgrandchildren; and great-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, George Somers Jr. in September 2007; a stepson, Thomas Michael Burds in February 1999; four brothers, William, Herbert, Norman and Arthur Somers; and two sisters, Marion Ritchey and Lucille "Babe" Militello.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park in Livonia, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday with a rosary at 6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Send condolences to hitefuneralhome.com.

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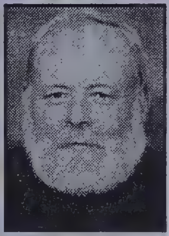
James Shaffer

JEFFERSONVILLE — James Allen Shaffer, 64, of Jeffersonville died Saturday June 21, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Shaffer was an Army veteran.

He was born July 20, 1943, to Maynard and Ruth (Huff) Shaffer.


Mr. Shaffer

Surviving are three sons, James Shaffer Jr. of Goshen, Maynard Shaffer of Millersburg and Jerimiah Shaffer of Edwardsburg, Mich.; 10 daughters, Cindy Hydorn of Wolcottville, Tammy Knight of Elkhart, Lisa McKee of Mongo, Rosemary Cook of Ligonier, Ann Harker of Howe, Malinda Shaffer of Prarie, Miss., Jamie Diehl of North Webster, Tonya Sexton of Nappanee, Christine Noonan of Texas and Jessica Shaffer of Edwardsburg, Mich.; 32 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wells Clay City Chapel in Stanton, Ky., with the Rev. Johnny Hurt officiating. Burial will be in Shaffer Family Cemetery, Jeffersonville, Ky.

Calling will be from 5-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Guy Fortier

WOLCOTTVILLE — Guy "Doug" Fortier, 77, of Wolcottville died Monday, June 23, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

James Sibert

KENDALLVILLE — James Franklin Sibert, 65, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Sibert was employed at No-Sag in Kendallville for many years. He served in the Army National Guard from 1964-65 and was a past member of the American Legion Post No. 86, VFW Post No. 2749 and Kendallville Moose Lodge.

He was born Nov. 21, 1942, in Kendallville to Harold and Marjorie Ellen (Craven) Sibert.

Surviving are four children and their spouses, Jamesi and Russell Lemon of Kendallville, Tommy and Leslie Sibert of Kendallville, Lori Heinz of Florida, Kimbre Sibert of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Alex Briggs, Claire Lemon, James "JT" Lemon, Ethan Lemon, Gavin Lemon, Lotus Sibert, Hannah Tucker and Cassiday Tucker; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Kenneth Bodenhafer of Kendallville; and a brother and sister-in-law, William and Janet Sibert of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Carmin Bolen; a son, Jimmy Bolen; and a brother, David Sibert on Nov. 8, 2000.

Services will be at a later date. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Wyatt Veach

LIGONIER — Wyatt Daniel Veach, infant son of Corey and Krystal (LeCount) Veach of Ligonier, died shortly after birth Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 2:18 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Survivors with his parents are a brother, Braydon; his maternal grandparents, Dewey and Connie LeCount of Ligonier; his paternal grandparents, Cindy and Eric Collins of Elkhart and Randy and Kathy Veach of Milford; his maternal great-grandparents, Jack and Barbara LeCount of Ligonier; and his paternal great-grandparents, Frank and Jeri Rink of Syracuse and Myrtle and Paul Sliter of Milford.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Warden and Mary Schoeff.

There will be private family services. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Milford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Milford Volunteer Fire Department.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information about service times.*

Dana Wood

ANGOLA — Dana Renee Wood, 25, of Angola died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Dana Wood

She was a stay-at-home mom and had worked at the former Oak Meadows Learning Center in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 15, 1982, in Butler to Nannette (Frank) Wood of Butler and Michael Wood, also of Butler. They survive.

Also surviving are a son and daughter, Emma Noelle Woods and Elijah Nolan Rose; a brother and sister-in-law, Ryan and Karrie Wood of Hamilton; a nephew and a niece; and her grandparents, Jack and Emma Frank of St. Joe, Norma and Bill Johnson of Auburn and Robert and Roberta Wood of North Vernon.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Scott Miner will officiate.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to help defray funeral costs or to the Emma Woods and Elijah Rose Trust.

Patricia Campbell

MAHOMET, Ill. — Patricia Joan Campbell, 76, of Mahomet, Ill., died Friday, June 20, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Ill.

Mrs. Campbell

As a Navy wife, she traveled the United States with her husband and family from California to Idaho, Florida to Wisconsin and Virginia to Indiana. She was head of the Navy Wives Club of Norfolk, Va.

Known as "the hat lady," she collected and wore hats for years and accumulated a large collection. She enjoyed meeting monthly with the Red Hat Ladies of her area.

Mrs. Campbell was very involved with the Mahomet United Methodist Church, Champaign Christian Women's Connection and Stonecroft Bible Studies. She was a housewife, but also worked as a Mary Kay consultant for six years.

She was born May 30, 1932, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Paul and Gladys (Sherman) Steward.

She married Jerry Campbell on June 23, 1957, in Garrett. He survives in Mahomet.

Also surviving are three sons, Darrell Campbell and Phillip Campbell, both of Mahomet, and Gary Campbell of Champaign, Ill.; a daughter, Danette Cox of Lexington, Ky.; seven grandchildren, Megan, Katie and Christina Campbell, Dustin and Ashley Campbell, Makena Cox and Caroline Campbell; three daughters-in-law, Laura Campbell, Terri Campbell and Alison Campbell; and a son-in-law, Jim Cox.

A celebration of life service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. (northeast Indiana time) in Mahomet United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to Mahomet United Methodist Church and the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Condolences may be sent at owensfuneralhomes.com.

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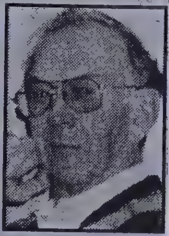
Earl Keller


Mr. Keller

MONTICELLO — Earl E. Keller, 83, of Monticello died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the Monticello Assisted Living and Healthcare Center.

Mr. Keller was a 1942 graduate of Auburn High School and had lived in the Monticello area since 1994, coming from Chalmer and Brookston. He also had lived in the Corunna, Auburn, Fowler and Attica communities.

He graduated from International Business College in 1942, Kalamazoo College in 1947 and Indiana University in 1950. While attending Kalamazoo College, he played on the men's basketball team.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, serving as an aviation machinist mate 2nd Class from March 10, 1943, to April 16, 1946. He served as an Indiana State Police trooper for 22 years, retiring in 1972. He served as the White County Sheriff from 1975 to 1982 and was an investigator for the White County Prosecutor's Office. He also served on the White County Council from 1985 to 1994.

He was a member of the Monticello Christian Church and American Legion Post 268 in Chalmers, a life member of the Indiana Sheriffs Association and a Pioneer of the Indiana State Police.

He served as a president of the Indiana Sheriff's Association and also had worked for the association.

He had been attending the Guernsey Church of the Brethren in rural Monticello.

He was born Aug. 18, 1924, in Corunna to Frank Owen Keller and Minnie Catherine Schoup.

He married Roberta Madge Ireland on Feb. 23, 1951, in Monticello. She died Sept. 25, 2006.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sidonie D. and Lane Inman and Earlene L. and Mike Cunegin, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Kurt O. and Kathy Keller of Chalmers; two sisters-in-law, Nada Wiseman of Dayton, Ohio, and Ruth Ann Ireland of Monticello; four grandchildren, Lesli D. Kerfoot of Fort Wayne, Kurtina R. Minglin of Monticello, and Kurt T. Keller and Jason L. Davis, both of Fort Wayne; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth E. and Mary L. Keller.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m., in Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, 6368 E. U.S. 24, Monticello, with Dr. Richard McQuinn and the Rev. Lelan D. McReynolds officiating. Burial will be in the IOOF Riverview Cemetery in rural Monticello. Full military rites will be conducted by the Chalmers American Legion Post 268.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana Sheriffs Association.

Viola Wenaas

ROSEVILLE, Minn. — Viola C. Wenaas, 84, of Roseville, Minn., died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, in Roseville.

Mrs. Wenaas grew up on a family farm west of Angola.

She was born July 29, 1923, in Bloomington to William and Freda Benson. She was first married to Water Vandemark, who died Aug. 8, 1958. She then married John Wenaas on June 19, 1975. He died Jan. 2, 2004.

She is survived by four daughters and their spouses, Beth and Frank Grund of Bloomington, Minn., Mary and James Sommerfeld of Arden Hills, Minn., Elaine and Denny Robinson of Betcher, S.D., and Joan and Leonard Tuttle of Minneapolis; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Imogene Benson, Angola.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Katie Wenaas, and a brother, Bill Wenaas.

Services were Saturday, May 24, at the Dell Rapids Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Legion of Dell Rapids, S.D.

Carey Coe

KENDALLVILLE — Carey Coe, 71, of Kendallville died Monday, June 23, 2008, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Virginia Recht

FORT WAYNE — Virginia "Ginny" Recht, 91, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, June 22, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Recht worked at U.S. Rubber during World War II, making tank tracks. She also worked at Sour Grape Boutique, Benissimo Boutique and G.I. Joe's Army Surplus.

Mrs. Recht

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and a longtime member of the St. Elizabeth Guild.

She was born in Fort Wayne on July 10, 1916, to Bernard and Marie Shirey. She was married to James Recht for 65 years. He died in 2002.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin and Karen, and Greg and Susan; all of Fort Wayne, and Randall and Sherri of Snow Lake; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nyla and Bob Doswell of Jimmerson Lake; and Kym Morse of Overland Park, Kan.; 11 grandchildren, Tammy Cooley, Lance Recht, Heidi Gaff, Scott Kennedy, Shawna Nicelley, Haile Orth, Vincent Recht, Courtney Recht and Mason Morese; 15 great-grandchildren; a sister, Phyllis Cartwright; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two grandsons, Bruce Kennedy and Shaun Recht.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services at the church. Rosary at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

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Julia DeRosa

ANGOLA — Julia Ann DeRosa, 92, of Angola died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabiltation in Angola.

Mrs. DeRosa was the co-owner of Louies Sweet Shop. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1915 in Garrett to Paul and Rosina (DeRose) Muzzillo. She married Louis DeRosa on Jan. 25, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1974.

Surviving are two sons and their spouses, Dr. G. Paul and Mary Ann DeRosa of Durham, N.C., and Anthony and Marda DeRosa of Mishawaka; one daughter, Josephine LaVine of Highland; two brothers, Ben Muzzillo of Winona Lake and Norbert Muzzillo of Avilla; two sisters, Theresa Whitcraft of Winona Lake, and Margaret Lung of Garrett; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Michael LaVine; two brothers, Martin and James Muzzillo; and four sisters, Mary Spadafore, Virginia DePaolo, Marie Johnson and Jane Muzzillo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Emerence Grime

ARCHBOLD, Ohio — Emerence L. Grime, 87, of Archbold died Saturday evening, June 21, 2008, at Golden Living Center Northcrest in Napoleon.

A resident of the Archbold area since 1945, she was employed by the Village of Archbold. She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Archbold, its Rosary Altar Society and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Oct. 5, 1920, at Fremont, Ohio to Frank and Laura (Meyer) Snyder.

She married Louis A. Grime on Nov. 27, 1945. He died Dec. 9, 1989.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Marg Grime of Archbold, Ohio, and Michael and Donna Grime of Angola; one daughter, K. Celeste Grime of Waterville, Ohio; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister, Elizabeth Lehman of Toledo, Ohio; and one brother-in-law, C.J. Nieset of Fremont, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two infant brothers and three sisters, Sister Gonzaga, Helen Gonya and Rita Nieset.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church with the Rev. Gary M. Ferguson officiating. Private burial will be in St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Masses or the donor's favorite charity.

Short Funeral Home Archbold is handling arrangements.

Leonard Wolf

UPPER SANDUSKY, Ohio — Leonard E. Wolf, 80, of Upper Sandusky died Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 8:05 a.m. in his residence.

Mr. Wolf was a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church. He was a lifelong Marseilles Township grain and livestock farmer. He also worked for the Wyandot County highway garage for 14 years and retired in 1989.

He was a former Marseilles Township trustee and served on the Marseilles Volunteer Fire Department. He spent winters in Florida for 19 years and attended auctions.

He was born Sept. 5, 1927 in Prospect, Ohio, to Leo K. and Evelyn (Moloney) Wolf.

He married Jerolene Stover on Sept. 25, 1948, in St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaRue, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert D. and Carolyn Wolf of Marion, Ohio, Jim E. and Donna Wolf of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and Greg A. and Linda Wolf of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia A. and Gene Troiano of Upper Sandusky; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard Wolf of Marion, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Catherine and Dale Linstedt of Marion, Ohio, and Rita Buyer of LaRue, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Wolf.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Transfiguration of the Lord Catholic Church, with Father Kent Kaufman officiating. Burial will follow in St. Peter Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m., with a biblical prayer service at 7:30 p.m., in Bringman Clark Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Wyandot County or a charity of the donor's choice in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home, 226 E. Wyandot Ave., Upper Sandusky, OH 43351.

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Carey Coe

KENDALLVILLE — Carey Lee Coe, 71, of rural Kendallville died Monday, June 23, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Coe

Mr. Coe was the third generation to take care of the family farm west of Kendallville. He raised crops, sheep and dairy cows over the years. More recently he tended to a herd of Charolais cattle.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and a trip to Alaska with his wife.

Mr. Coe graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School in 1955.

He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville.

Mr. Coe was born in Kendallville on April 21, 1937, to Chester Lee and Dorothy Marie (Cary) Coe. He married Vanita Marguerite Ott on Oct. 6, 1957, in Kimmell. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Marcy Coe of Kendallville and Douglas and Portia Coe of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Michael Curtis of Albion and Sandra and Dan Maki of Ishpeming, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, Kari Ann, Travis, Lacy and Cheston Coe of Kendallville; Spencer and Shelby Coe of Fort Wayne; Kathy, Nick, Gabe and Michaela Curtis of Albion and Jake and Sarina Maki of Ishpeming, Mich.; four stepgrandchildren, Jereme, Jackie and Joel Ritchie and Jennifer Fuller, all of Kendallville; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Sharon Olds of Sturgis, Mich.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Leslie and Diana Coe of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Robert Olds.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Kendallville, with the Rev. Thelma Megill-Cobbler officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Travis, Cheston, Joel, Nick, Gabe and Spencer.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before the funeral service at the church on Friday.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Louis Fell

WATERLOO — Louis E. Fell, 76, of Waterloo died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Forrest Prince

ROME CITY — Forrest Seymour Prince, 78, of Rome City died at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 20, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Prince had been an accomplished tool design engineer for several companies including Hughes Aircraft, General Electric and International Harvester. He contributed to creating many industrial patents during his career.

Following his retirement, Mr. Prince served as a volunteer at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He attended St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born June 30, 1929, in Miami County to Solomon and Edna Prince.

Surviving are his longtime partner, Shirley Croom, and their children and their spouses, David Prince of Fort Wayne, Keturah and Keith Henderson and Dawn and David Steinken, all of Kennesaw, Ga., and Kemuel and Vickie Prince of Rome City; three stepchildren, Duanne Craig of Butler and John Gardner and Kevin Ware, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Jason Bay and Sara Steinken, both of Kennesaw, Ga., Jennifer Heard of Newnan, Ga., Rachel Prince and Jared Prince, both of Rome City, and Ryan Prince of Phoenix, Ariz.; and a great-grandson, Torin Harrison.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorena Jean Prince.

Commitment ceremony will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne. A chapel service will be at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Robert Shriner officiating.

Memorials are to the Parkview Noble Foundation to benefit cancer patients in Noble County.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

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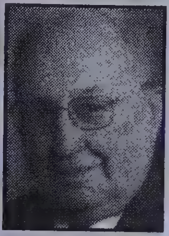
Oscar Deetz

WATERLOO — Oscar Monroe Deetz, 86, of Waterloo died unexpectedly at his home on Monday, June 23, 2008.

Mr. Deetz farmed in DeKalb County for his entire life, embracing new technology and ideas and developing an outstanding herd of registered Holsteins. He belonged to county, state, and national breed associations for more than 50 years.


Mr. Deetz

Mr. Deetz and his family were named outstanding dairy family of the year in 1995, and he had the outstanding cow of the year in 1996.

He was active in the community, previously as a member of Wayne Center United Methodist Church and more recently as a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church. He served as president of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the 4-H Council. He also served on the Extension Board, Noble County REMC Board, and the DeKalb Mutual Insurance Board. His farm hosted the annual DeKalb Ag Day Tour for many years, allowing hundreds of third-graders in the county to have an agricultural experience. He donated several heifers to the Peace Corps.

He was a fan of sports, especially Chicago Cubs baseball and Purdue basketball. He bowled several times a week and was inducted into the DeKalb Bowling Hall of Fame.

He graduated from Ashley High School in 1940.

He was born April 17, 1922, to Orlo and Martha (Eckert) Deetz.

On June 3, 1945, he married Gloria Fiandt, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Pat Deetz of Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., Stan Deetz of Boulder, Colo., and Randy and Pam Deetz of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Jeff Leiter of Auburn; nine grandchildren, David Deetz, Jason Deetz, Carl Deetz, Ingrid Deetz, Zander Deetz, Roger Deetz, Olivia Deetz, Logan Leiter and Abigail Leiter; one stepgranddaughter, Jessica Mehooves; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Bill Farmer will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

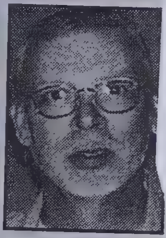
Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jerry Strock

BUTLER — Jerry P. Strock, 55, died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Strock worked at Hendrickson Suspension in Kendallville, retiring after 36 years of service. He was a member of the Sons of the Legion in Butler.


Mr. Strock

He was born March 30, 1953, in Garrett to Fredrick and Virginia (Alwood) Strock.

He married Sherri Whitman on Sept. 25, 1971, in Butler, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Dana Strock of Butler; a brother, Steve Strock of Florida; a sister and brother-in-law Wendy and Bob McAllister of Butler; and two grandchildren, Megan and Erin Strock of Butler.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Eastside girls basketball program.

A video tribute may be viewed at hejohnsonfh.com.

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Guy Fortier

WOLCOTTVILLE — Guy "Doug" Fortier, 77, of Wolcottville and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, June 23, 2008, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Fortier

Mr. Fortier had been a Fort Wayne police officer and obtained the rank of sergeant before retiring in 1984. He served in all divisions during his 27 years on the force.

He had lived in the Rome City and Wolcottville area since his retirement.

Mr. Fortier graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1949-1952, during the Korean conflict.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Mr. Fortier was a golfer and enjoyed square dancing.

He was born April 12, 1931, in Fort Wayne to James Reese and Mary (Roser) Fortier.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly and Paul Cupa of Fort Wayne and Kelly Fortier of Orlando, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Tonya Fortier of Kentwood, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Nathan, Todd and Katherine.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor James Link officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be members of the Fort Wayne Police Department. Military graveside services will be conducted by Rome City American Legion Post 381 and Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne F.O.P. or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences are to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Martha Lindsey
Thomas Lindsey

MERRIAM — Graveside services for Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey, and her son, Thomas W. "Tom" Lindsey, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Mrs. Lindsey, 94, died Jan. 13, 2008, in Mease Dunedin Hospital in Dunedin, Fla.

She was born Oct. 5, 1913, in Merriam to Ora and Victoria (Ansbaugh) Gandy. She was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School and Methodist School of Nursing.

Among Mrs. Lindsey's survivors are two daughters, Vicki Lindsey of Dunedin and Jil Leatherman of Albion; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, in 1990; a son, Tom Lindsey; and four siblings, Orpha Harris, Mary Winebrenner, Loena Surfus and Colby Gandy.

Mr. Lindsey, 62, died May 23, 2003, in Dunedin.

He was born Jan. 19, 1941, in Kendallville. He was a graduate of Kendallville High School and attended Purdue University and Oregon State University.

He lived in Houghton, Mich., until retiring to Dunedin in 1996.

Among Mr. Lindsey's survivors are two sisters, Vicki Lindsey of Dunedin and Jil Leatherman of Albion; an aunt, Alberta Gandy of Elkhart; and several nieces and nephews.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Julia DeRosa, 92

ANGOLA — Julia Ann DeRosa, 92, of Angola died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

Mrs. DeRosa was the co-owner of Louies Sweet Shop. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church. She also was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Rho Chapter, and Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born Oct. 29, 1915, in Garrett to Paul and Rosina (DeRose) Muzzillo. She married Louis DeRosa Jan. 25, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1974.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. G. Paul (Mary Ann) DeRosa of Durham, N.C., and Anthony (Marda) DeRosa of Mishawaka; a daughter, Josephine LaVine of Highland; two brothers, Ben Muzzillo of Winona Lake and Norbert Muzzillo of Avilla; three sisters, Theresa Whitcraft of Winona Lake, Margaret Lung of Garrett, and Mary Spadafore of Ohio; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by a grandson, Michael LaVine; two brothers, Martin and James Muzzillo; and three sisters, Virginia DePaolo, Marie Johnson and Jane Muzzillo.

Services were held June 25, 2008 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Burial took place in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Beverly J. Gordon, 62

Beverly J. (Romine) Gordon, 62, a resident of Knapp Lake and a native of Churubusco, died at 12:10 a. m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had submitted to surgery, and had been in failing health for nearly eight months.

Mrs. Gordon was born on October 25, 1945 in Kendallville, a daughter of Leo E. and Edith M. (Clouse) Romine. She spent her formative years in Churubusco, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1964.

On April 6, 1965 she was married in Churubusco to Allen C. Gordon. The couple lived in Garrett for a period, spent 11 years in St. Paris, Ohio, and had lived at their present home on Knapp Lake in Noble County since 1999.

She had been employed as a nurse's aid at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett, had worked as a waitress and cook at the Top Hat Restaurant in St. Paris, Ohio, and for 14 years worked as a teacher's aid for disabled children with Fort Wayne Community Schools. In her leisure time she enjoyed collecting turtles, enjoyed the wildlife at Knapp Lake, and was a proud mother and grandmother.

The surviving relatives include her husband Allen; three children Timothy (Gail) Gordon, and Tammi (Rex) Durst, both of St. Paris, Ohio, and Petty Officer 1st Class Terry Gordon of Virginia Beach, Virg; her mother Edith Romine of Churubusco; two sisters Linda (John) Barrett of Churubusco and Bonita (Steve) Abshire of Columbia City; seven grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father on July 7, 1979.

Funeral services were held at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Christine and Paul Newman-Jacobs, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Churubusco American Legion Post 157, 115 S. Main Street, Churubusco, IN 46723; or to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Gordon's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
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Margaret Kilgore Guenther, 72

Margaret Linette Kilgore Guenther from Albion passed away at her home on June 13, 2008.

She was born to Stanley Vernon Kilgore and Mary Lee (Sturgill) Kilgore on November 16, 1935 in McRoberts, Kentucky.

She graduated from Columbia City High School in 1954. After graduation she lived in Illinois, Michigan, Texas, Hawaii and Florida before returing to Indiana in 2004.

Survivors include her husband Henry (Red) Guenther; three children; Brian Sudis and wife Laura McNeil from Overlook Park, Kansas; Wanda Sudis and Kathryn Walford from Albion; four step-children: Jonathon Guenther, James Guenther, Julie Mullins and Scott Guenther all from Texas; five grandchildren; one great granddaughter and one great grandson; eight step grandchildren; two brothers Robert Kilgore from Sun City Arizona and Bill Kilgore from Ft. Wayne; four sisters Una Rondeau from Wisconsin, Elizabeth Sponaugle from Columbia City, Rita McElroy from Columbia City and Emma Spink from Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her twin sister Mary Jeanette Kilgore Bowling, sister Barbara Louise Kilgore, borther-in-laws Richard Rondeau, George Sponaugle and Charles McElroy; a nephew Larry Kilgore as well as a stepson Tracey Guenther.

A memorial service will be held Saturday June 28th at 10 a.m. at the Columbia City Church of Brethren. Calling is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Memorials are to Parkwiew-Whitley Hospice.

George Schrock, 72

LIGONIER — George E. Schrock, 72, of Ligonier died unexpectedly from an apparent heart attack while working at his farm at 8:44 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church for over 25 years.

Mr. Schrock retired from Western Rubber after 37 years of service, farmed for the last 27 years and was employed at Maple Crest Country Club.

He was born Aug. 17, 1935, in Elkhart County to Ervin E. and Fannie D. (Miller) Schrock. He married Martha L. Targgart on May 19, 1961. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son Roger (Rhonda) Schrock of New Paris; one daughter, Kimberly (Terry) Moses of Ligonier; seven grandchildren, David Bailey, Josh (Monica) Welty of Ligonier, Ryan Schrock of Goshen, Holly Welty of Ligonier, Elizabeth Schrock of Waterloo, Iowa, Derek Schrock and Kari Schrock, both of New Paris; five Great Grandchildren; two brothers, Albert E. (Maxine) Schrock of Illinois and John E. Schrock of Michigan and a sister, Emma (Larry) McClellan of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Schrock; his parents and six brothers, David, Joseph, Noah, Jacob, Earl and Leo Schrock.

Services were held June 24, 2008 at Stone's Hill Community Church.The Pastor Joey Nelson officiated. Burial took place in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Donn Snell, 74

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Donn H. Snell, 74, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a 1951 graduate of Avilla High School, a 1953 graduate of Fort Wayne Art Institute and a 1963 graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Banking. He also attended classes at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Avilla and later a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Hicksville.

In 2007, he was an honorary chairperson for the Relay for Life in Hicksville. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 478, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 2556, the American Legion Post No. 223 and a charter member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, all of Hicksville. He was also past president of the Defiance & Henry County Bankers Association, past president of the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Hicksville Water and Sewer Department, treasurer of the Salvation Army, treasurer of the Handicap Citizens of Fort Wayne, board member of the American Red Cross Defiance Chapter, Good Samaritan School and Quadco. He served as a PTO member, volunteer of the Boy Scouts in Fort Wayne and Hicksville, a committee member of the Hicksville Centennial Committee and supporter of the Special Olympics.

Mr. Snell was a veteran of the US Army, serving from 1955-1957 and Army Reserve from 1957-1959. He was employed at Dana Corporation from 1952-1958, and held various part-time jobs at Woolworths, J.C. Penney, Sears, UPS and a potato chip delivery driver. He worked at the Community State Bank of Avilla in 1958 and was employed by The Hicksville Bank in 1959. He became vice president of The Hicksville Bank in 1977 and retired in 1992. He also was co-owner of the Hicksville Village Inn Pizza Shop in the mid-1970s and after retirement owned and operated Rainbow Pools.

He was born Sept. 21, 1933, to Jay M. and Pauline (Brindle) Snell in Laotto. He married Texas Jett in October 1959. She survives in Harlan.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Kim J. and Kimberly J. (Hoover) Snell of Harlan and Brent B. Snell of Hicksville; four grandchildren, Christy M. Asher, Hope Fredrick, Jason D. Snell and William G. Fredrick; five great-grandchildren, Serena Snell, Damien Asher, Flaviano Garcia, Gustavo Garcia and Juan Garcia and one brother, Robert J. Snell of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville on June 23, 2008. The Pastor Ric Beals officiated.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Carey Lee Coe, 71

Carey Lee Coe, age 71, of rural Kendallville died on Monday, June 23, 2008 at home.

Mr. Coe was born in Kendallville on April 21, 1937 to Chester Lee and Dorothy Marie (Cary) Coe.

He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1955 and married Vanita Marguerite Ott on October 6, 1957 in Kimmel, Indiana.

He was the third generation to take care of the family farm west of Kendallville.

He raised crops, sheep and dairy cows over the years. More recently he tended to a herd of Charlet cattle. He enjoyed his family and grandchildren and his trip to Alaska with his wife.

Mr. Coe was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville.

Survivors include: his wife, Vanita Coe of Kendallville; two sons, Jeffrey (Marcy) Coe of Kendallville and Douglas (Portia) Coe of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Susan (Michael) Curtis of Albion, and Sandra and Dan Maki of Ishpeming, Michigan; twelve grandchildren: Kari Ann, Travis, Lacy and Cheston Coe of Kendallville, Spencer and Shelby Coe of Fort Wayne; Kathy, Nick, Gabe and Michaela Curtis of Albion; Jake and Sarina Maki of Ishpeming, Michigan; four step-grandchildren: Jereme, Jackie, and Joel Ritchie and Jennifer Fuller all of Kendallville; seven step-great grandchildren; one sister, Sharon Olds of Sturgis, Michigan, and one brother, Leslie (Diana) Coe of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Robert Olds

Visitation will be Thursday, June 26, 2008, from 3:00-8:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before the funeral service at the church on Friday.

Funeral Services will be Friday, June 27, 2008 at 1:00pm at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Thelma Megill-Cobbler.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Casketbearers will be grandsons, Travis, Cheston, Joel, Nick, Gabe, and Spencer.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Julia Ann DeRosa, 92

ANGOLA — Julia Ann DeRosa, 92, of Angola died Friday, June 20, 2008, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabiltation in Angola.

Mrs. DeRosa was the co-owner of Louies Sweet Shop. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society of the church. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority and Angola Women of the Moose.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1915 in Garrett to Paul and Rosina (DeRose) Muzzillo. She married Louis DeRosa on Jan. 25, 1934. He preceded her in death in 1974.

Surviving are two sons and their spouses, Dr. G. Paul and Mary Ann DeRosa of Durham, N.C., and Anthony and Marda DeRosa of Mishawaka; one daughter, Josephine LaVine of Highland; two brothers, Ben Muzzillo of Winona Lake and Norbert Muzzillo of Avilla; two sisters, Theresa Whitcraft of Winona Lake, and Margaret Lung of Garrett; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Michael LaVine; two brothers, Martin and James Muzzillo; and four sisters, Mary Spadafore, Virginia DePaolo, Marie Johnson and Jane Muzzillo.

Services were at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. Burial was in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

ALBION NEW ERA
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James Franklin Sibert, 65

KENDALLVILLE – James Franklin Sibert, 65 of Kendallville died on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

He was born to Harold J. and Marjorie Ellen (Craven) Sibert on November 21, 1942 in Kendallville.

He served his country in the Army National Guard from 1964-65 and was a past member of the American Legion Post #86, VFW Post #2749 and Kendallville Moose Lodge.

He was employed with No-Sag in Kendallville for many years.

Survivors include: three daughters Jamesi (Russell) Lemon of Kendallville; Lori Heinz of Florida and Kimbre Sibert of Kendallville; one son Tommy (Leslie) Sibert of Kendallville; eight grandchildren: Alex, Claire, James "JC", Ethan and Gavin Lemon, Lotus Hannah and Cassiday Sibert; one sister Janet (Kenneth) Bodenhafer of Kendallville and one brother William (Janet) Sibert of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Carmin Bolen, son Jimmy Bolen and brother David Sibert.

Memorial funeral services will be held at a later date with the burial at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen May Wiles, 93

LIGONIER – Helen May Wiles, 93 of Ligonier died on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at The Maples, Goshen.

She was born in Ft. Wayne on January 14, 1915 to Emery and Lilly May (Matthews) Kistler.

She was first married to George W. Poff on May 7, 1934 with him preceding her in death on January 19, 1956. Her second marriage ws to Thomas Kennedy on June 13, 1964 and he died April 2, 1977. She later married Robert Wiles on June 8, 1982 and he also preceded her in death June 8, 1990.

She was retired in 1977 from Monsanto Plastics in Lionier. Prior to that she worked at Spangler Candy Factory in Ohio and various other local factories.

She was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ in Wolcottville, enjoyed singing and playing the organ. She loved to travel and spend time with her family.

Survivors include: two step-sons Donald (Enola) Kennedy of Gulfport, Mississippi and Mike Wiles of Michigan; two step-daughters: Becky Smith and Cheryl Shamp; 17 grandchildren, 11 step-grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; 23 step-great grandchildren; 47 great-great grandchildren; 10 step-great-great grandchildren; two brothers Darold (Betty) Kistler of Kendallville and LeRoy (Betty) Weaver of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Carol Sue Cook, Sona Lou Whalen and Violet June Birch; two sisters Donna Temple and Eileen Marshall-Temple; one brother, Pete Kistler; twin grandsons, Darlo Cook and Darrel Cook; great grandsons, Darrel Cook and Tommy Gibson and a great-great granddaughter, Miracle Dawn Wieber.

Funeral services took place June 25, 2008 at Hite Funeral Home. Mike Booher officiated. Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
June 25, 2008, Wednesday

Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey, 94

Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey passed away January 13, 2008 at Mease Dunedin Hospital in Dunedin, Florida at the age of 94. She retired to Florida after the passing of her husband Russell O. Lindsey.

Martha was born October 5, 1913 to Ora D. and Victoria (Ansbaugh) Gandy in Merriam, Indiana.

After graduation from Wolf Lake High School, she attended Methodist School of Nursing in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her first nursing job was at Elkhart Memorial Hospital where she worked until her marriage to Russell on October 5, 1938, in Huntington, Indiana. The ceremony was performed by her brother-in-law, the Rev. F. Virgil Harris.

Surviving are two daughters, Victoria B. (Vickie) Lindsey of Dunedin, Florida, and Judith I. (Jil) Leatherman of Albion, Indiana; three grandchildren, Scott (Mindy) Leatherman of Columbia City, Indiana, Dustin W. Leatherman of Albion, Indiana and Lindsey Leatherman of Indianapolis, Indiana; two great-grandsons, Colby and Evan Leatherman of Columbia City, Indiana; one sister-in-law Alberta Gandy; and several nieces and a nephew.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 52 years, a son Thomas W. (Tom) Lindsey, her parents, and four siblings Orpha Harris, Mary Winebrenner, Loena Surfus, Colby Gandy and several nieces and nephews.

Thomas W. Lindsey, 62

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, 2008 for Thomas W. Lindsey.

Mr. Lindsey passed away May 23, 2003 in Dunedin, Florida at the age of 62. His passing was very unexpected and a great loss to the family.

He was born January 19, 1941 to Russell O. and Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey in Kendallville, Indiana.

Upon graduation from Kendallville High School, Tom attended Purdue University, completing his education at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

At that time in his life, Thomas was inducted into the U.S. Army and served with the 554th Engineering Battalion in Viet Nam.

Upon discharge, Tom moved to Houghton, Michigan to accept a job at Michigan Tech (Houghton Institute of Technology). He remained there until his retirement to Dunedin, Florida in 1996. While at Houghton he operated a pet store for one of his many side interests, and enjoyed his sailboat the "Luna Linta."

In his retirement, he served as Quartermaster of VFW Post 2550 in Dunedin, Florida.

Tom is survived by his two sisters Victoria B. (Vicki) Lindsey of Dunedin, Florida and Judith I. (Jil) Leatherman of Albion, Indiana; two nephews Scott (Mindy) Leatherman of Columbia City, Indiana and Dustin W. Leatherman of Albion, Indiana; one niece Lindsey Leatherman of Indianapolis, Indiana; two great-nephews Colby and Evan Leatherman of Columbia City; one aunt Alberta Gandy of Elkhart, Indiana; and several cousins.

Preceding him in death were his father Russell O. Lindsey, grandparents Oscar and Elma Lindsey and Ora and Victoria Gandy, several aunts, uncles and cousins. His mother Martha E. (Gandy) Lindsey passed away on January 13, 2008.

Graveside services for Martha and her son Tom will be held Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, Indiana.

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Lawrence Fogle

AUBURN — Lawrence W. Fogle, 74, of Auburn and formerly of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fogle was a machinist for Zollner Pistons for nearly 40 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of New Life Ministries in Garrett. He had been a volunteer firefighter for Washington Township Fire Department in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

He was born Dec. 16, 1933, in Allen County to Namon and Doris (Williams) Fogle. They preceded him in death.

He married Audrey C. Kitchen on March 15, 1952, and she died March 16, 1996.

He then married Jean Charlotte Chaffins on Oct. 3, 1996, in Albion. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry W. and Kate Fogle of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky L. and Scott Fenton of Kansas City, Kan., and Jennifer E. and Lonnie Gilbert of Wolcottville; six grandchildren, Kelly Fogle, Kasey Fogle, David Gilbert, Joshua Gilbert, Matthew Gilbert and Jacob Gilbert; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Namon and MaryAnn Fogle of Valdosta, Ga., and Leslie and Pat Fogle of Fish Lake; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Danny Stellhorn of Fort Wayne and Karen and Joe Adams of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Karl Fogle.

A memorial service will be Friday at 4 p.m. at New Life Ministries, 130 N. Randolph St., Garrett, with Pastor Lane Andrews and Pastor Kelly Banks officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest book may be signed at oberlin-ford.com.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio, is handling arrangements.

Ruth Place

FORT WAYNE — Ruth M. Place, 99, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Butler, she was a homemaker and worked at Mr. Wiggs for 14 years, retiring in 1982. Her hobbies were sewing, crocheting and crafts.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Floyd and Carol Place of New Haven; a daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Place-Snyder of Wellsboro, Pa; 13 grandchildren and many great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis S. Place, in 1968; a daughter, Mary Lou Minick, in 2000; a son, Frederick Place, in 1974; and two grandsons, Kevin in 1996 and Terry Pennington in 2001.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Son Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. The Rev. David Troxel will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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Gregory Sanders

ANGOLA — Gregory Arnold "Arnie" Sanders, 52, of Angola died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Sanders was a self-employed carpenter and formerly worked at Angola Lumber Company.

He enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing and partying.

He was born Oct. 22, 1955, in Angola to Herbert P. "Herb" and Nancy (Pence) Sanders, who both survive in Angola. He married Loretta "Ann" (Derbyshire) Sanders on May 25, 1979. She survives in Angola.

He is also survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gregory Jacob "Jake" and Kayleigh Sanders, and Jordon Paul Sanders, all of Angola; three daughters, Kelly Ann Alaura of Fort Wayne, Tammi Marie Alaura and boyfriend Tony King of Fremont, and Sarah Suzanne Sanders of Coldwater, Mich.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Karen Sanders, and Doug and Susie Sanders, all of Angola, and Jerry and Deb Sanders of Fort Myers, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, Kyle Alaura, Steven Fraley, Jacob Colon, Coty Alaura, Adam Getts, Hannah Roudebush, Josh Getts, Nick Getts, Brennah Sanders and Isabella Sanders; and three great-grandchildren, Ava, Jonah and Justin Getts.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Justin Getts.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Daphne Derbyshire officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, care of Loretta "Ann" Sanders.

Robert Glass

MERCED, Calif. — Robert Hugh Glass, 89, of Merced and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, June 14, 2008.

Mr. Glass graduated in 1936 from Kendallville High School and graduated from Purdue University with a degree in agricultural economics.

He joined the Navy during World War II and achieved the rank of lieutenant. He served on the USS Ashland LDS I in the Pacific Campaign.

Following the war, he lived briefly in Indiana and then moved to California where he worked for International Harvester as a field representative and territory manager.

He moved to Merced in 1965 and purchased Merced International. He retired from the business in 1984 and sold real estate.

Mr. Glass enjoyed playing golf, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren.

He had attended First Christian Church and later First Baptist Church where he was a Sunday school leader and a deacon.

He was born Oct. 28, 1918, in Kendallville to Raymond and Iva Glass. He married Winifred "Winnie" Lampson on April 22, 1945, in the Hawaiian Islands. She survives in Merced.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Debra Glass of Corsegold, Calif., and Paul and Debbie Glass of Merced; five grandchildren, Timothy Glass, Phillip Glass, Alyssa Downs-Glass, Anjanette Gomes and Elizabeth Glass; a sister-in-law, Joyce Glass of Kendallville; and three nieces.

Services were June 21 at First Baptist Church in Merced.

Louis Fell

WATERLOO — Louis E. Fell, 76, of Waterloo died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Fell worked for Kiser Corp. in Butler for 16 years.

He was born Nov. 10, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Ora and Gara (Notestine) Fell.

He married Martina J. Renfrow on July 18, 1964, in Zanesville. She died Aug. 5, 2004.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Anita Fell of Fort Wayne, Ronald Fell of Waterloo, Kent and Rebecca Fell of Corunna and Steven Fell of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Tim Bice of Waterloo; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marcella Rupert of Waterloo and Janet Roeger of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Gerald Fell of Fort Wayne, Bernard Fell of Spencerville and Kenneth Fell of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kurt Fell, and a grandson, Michael Fell.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Clara Moreland

HUNTINGTON — Clara "Esther" Sink Moreland, 80, of Huntington, died Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 7:32 p.m. at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

Mrs. Moreland was a homemaker. She was a graduate of Martinsville High School in the class of 1945 and a member of the Huntington First Presbyterian Church. She was a volunteer at the church and worked on election boards in Auburn, serving as precinct vice chairman. Her hobbies were reading, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 11, 1928, in Morgan County to Gilbert W. and Ruth Smith (Stierwalt) Sink. They preceded her in death.

She married William "Bud" Moreland on Dec. 25, 1948, at the First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville. He survives in Huntington.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy G. and Carla Moreland of Greensburg and Ricky C. and Rita Moreland of Nashville, Tenn.; a daughter, Deborah Lynn Fleischman of Los Angeles; a stepson and his wife, Steven G. and Theresa Cordes of Brownsburg; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Gary Sink of Huntington.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, David Moreland; five brothers, Raymond, Lee, Kenneth, Keith and Eugene Sink; and two sisters, Christine Rutledge and Evelyn Ritter.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, with the Rev. John Ritchie officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery of Martinsville.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, in care of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

Condolences may be left at mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 26, 2008, Thursday

George Schrock

LIGONIER — George E. Schrock, 72, of Ligonier died unexpectedly from an apparent heart attack while working at his farm at 8:44 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008.

Mr. Schrock

He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church for over 25 years.

Mr. Schrock retired from Western Rubber after 37 years of service, farmed for the last 27 years and was employed at Maple Crest Country Club.

He was born Aug. 17, 1935, in Elkhart County to Ervin E. and Fannie D. (Miller) Schrock. He married Martha L. Targgart on May 19, 1961. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Rhonda Schrock of New Paris; one daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Terry Moses of Ligonier; seven grandchildren, David Bailey of Ligonier, Josh Welty, Ryan Schrock, Holly Welty, all of Ligonier, Elizabeth Schrock of Waterloo, Iowa, Derek Schrock and Kari Schrock, both of New Paris; five great-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Albert E. and Maxine Schrock of Illinois and John E. Schrock of Michigan and a sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Larry McClellan of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Schrock; his parents and six brothers, David Schrock, Joseph Schrock, Noah Schrock, Jacob Schrock, Earl Schrock and Leo Schrock.

Services were Tuesday at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com

Helen Wiles

LIGONIER — Helen May Wiles, 93, of Ligonier died Saturday, June 21, 2008, at The Maples in Goshen.

Mrs. Wiles retired in 1977 from Monsanto Plastics in Ligonier. Prior to that she worked at Spangler Candy factory in Ohio and various other factories.

Mrs. Wiles

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ in Wolcottville and enjoyed singing and playing the organ.

Mrs. Wiles enjoyed watching birds and tending to her flowers. She also enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 14, 1915, to Emery and Lilly May (Matthews) Kistler. She was first married to George W. Poff on May 7, 1934, and he preceded her death Jan. 19, 1956. She then married Thomas Kennedy on June 13, 1964, and he died April 2, 1977. She later married Robert Wiles on June 8, 1982, and he preceded her death June 8, 1990.

Surviving are two stepsons, Donald Kennedy and his wife, Enola, of Gulfport, Miss., and Mike Wiles of Michigan; two stepdaughters, Becky Smith and Cheryl Shamp; 17 grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 23 stepgreat-grandchildren; 47 great-great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Darold and Betty Kistler of Kendallville and LeRoy and Betty Weaver of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by three daughters, Carol Sue Cook in 1992, Sona Lou Whalen on Jan. 4, 2001, and Violet June Birch on July 8, 2005; two sisters, Donna Temple and Eileen Marshall-Temple; a brother, Pete Kistler; twin grandsons, Darlo Cook who died in 2006 and Darrel Cook who died in 1957; two great-grandsons, Darrel Cook and Tommy Gibson; and a great-great-granddaughter, Miracle Dawn Wieber.

Services were Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with Mike Booher officiating. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
June 26, 2008, Thursday

Infant Wyatt Veach

LIGONIER — Wyatt Daniel Veach, infant son of Corey and Krystal (LeCount) Veach of Ligonier, died shortly after birth Sunday, June 22, 2008, at 2:18 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Survivors with his parents are a brother, Braydon; his maternal grandparents, Dewey and Connie LeCount of Ligonier; his paternal grandparents, Cindy and Eric Collins of Elkhart and Randy and Kathy Veach of Milford; his maternal great-grandparents, Jack and Barbara LeCount of Ligonier; and his paternal great-grandparents, Frank and Jeri Rink of Syracuse and Myrtle and Paul Sliter of Milford.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Warden and Mary Schoeff.

There will be private family services. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Milford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Milford Volunteer Fire Department.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Kendallville, IN
June 27, 2008, Friday

Larene Walker

HOWE — Larene M. Walker, 95, of Howe died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Walker had worked as a beautician and as a medical assistant.

She moved to LaGrange in February of 1979 from South Bend.

Mrs. Walker was a member of the Howe United Methodist Church and a former member of the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange where she taught Sunday school and was a member of the United Methodist Women.

She was also a former member of the LaGrange County Art Club.

She was born on April 30, 1913, in Allen County to Johan S. and Johanna (Prior) Schumacher. She married T. Michael "Uncle Mike" Walker on Nov. 25, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia J. Boase of Howe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael R. Walker of Howe and Jerry Walker and Margaret D. Martin of Westport, Conn.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sisters and two brothers.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, July 25, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Howe United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 206, Howe, IN 46746 or Broadway Christian Parish United Methodist Church 1412 S. Carroll St., South Bend, IN 46613.

Condolences may be sent to furipmayfuneralhome.com.

George Greenwell Jr.

ALBION — George Greenwell Jr., 81, of Columbia City and a former longtime resident of Bear Lake near Albion died Thursday, June 26, 2008, in the Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City. He had been a resident at the nursing home since 2004.

He had been employed at Marhoffer Packing Co. in Fort Wayne for four years and the Allen County Power Plant for 18 years.

Mr. Greenwell was a member of the Churubusco American Legion and VFW posts. He had been a bartender at both posts.

He served in the Army from 1952 to 1954. While serving in Korea he was awarded the Korean Service Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the United States Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

He was born May 7, 1927, in Eel River Township, Allen County, to George Sr. and Orpha E. (Johnson) Greenwell.

Surviving are his former wife, Evelyn Rollins of Columbia City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and John Helblig of Huntington and Alice and Merlin Rice of Wolf Lake; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Kerry L. Niman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences can be sent to sheetsandchilds.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Viola Wenaas

ROSEVILLE, Minn. — Viola C. Wenaas, 84, of Roseville, Minn., died Tuesday, May 20, 2008, in Roseville.

Mrs. Wenaas grew up on a family farm west of Angola.

She was born July 29, 1923, in Bloomington to William and Freda Benson. She was first married to Water Vandemark, who died Aug. 8, 1958. She then married John Wenaas on June 19, 1975. He died Jan. 2, 2004.

She is survived by four daughters and their spouses, Beth and Frank Grund of Bloomington, Minn., Mary and James Sommerfeld of Arden Hills, Minn., Elaine and Denny Robinson of Betcher, S.D., and Joan and Leonard Tuttle of Minneapolis; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Imogene Benson, Angola.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Katie Benson, and a brother, Bill Benson.

Services were Saturday, May 24, at the Dell Rapids Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Legion of Dell Rapids, S.D.

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Vivian Griffith

FORT WAYNE — Vivian M. (LeVeck) Griffith, 94, died Monday, June 23, 2008, at Glenbrook Rehab Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Van Wert County, Ohio, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Gwendolyn and Everett Bray of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Gwenadean and Herbert West of Loudon, Tenn.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Gloria Griffith of Rockville, Md., and Larry and Jane Griffith of Garrett; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Levi R. Griffith, in 1996.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ohio City, Ohio.

Calling will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to are to a charity of donor's choice.

Nancy Sawthwood

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Nancy L. Sawthwood, 66, of White Pigeon, Mich., died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at her home.

Mrs. Sawthwood was born in and lived much of her life in the Angola area.

She was born April 5, 1942, in Angola to Guy and Myrtle (Gilbert) Heckathorn. She married Michael D. Sawthwood, on Dec. 1, 1989. He survives.

She also is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Natalie and James Gahagan of Lake Pleasant and Pam Abbott of Michigan; a son, Chad Greenslade of El Paso, Texas; seven grandchildren, Natalya, Dylan and Dustin Gahagan, Samantha and Keeton Abbott and Kayla and Steven Greenslade; and extended family members.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with Larry Wallman officiating.

Memorials are to the to the family in care of Michael Swathwood, 69070 Wallowa Road, White Pigeon, MI 49099.

Arrangements are by Hackman Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis.

Kathryn Rodeffer

AUBURN — Kathryn Rodeffer, 63, died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Born in Auburn, She worked in financial services with DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 40 years.

She was a member of Sigma Beta in Auburn and First United Methodist Church of Auburn and was a graduate of Auburn High School.

Surviving are her friends, Paul, Cristelle, Megan, Christopher and Emily Hargarten, all of Auburn; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Helen Dweese Rodeffer.

Graveside services will be today at 3 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

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Mary Jane Randinelli

AUBURN — Mary Jane Randinelli, 95, of Auburn died Friday, June 27, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Randinelli was a clerk for the Walgreens Drug Store in Warren, Pa., for 20 years, retiring in 1970. She moved from Warren to Auburn in 1980.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, a volunteer for DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 20 years, a former member of Greenhurst Country Club and a life member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.

She was born April 17, 1913, in Auburn to Amos and Harriett (Leasure) Adams.

She married John Randinelli on Sept. 10, 1933. He died March 6, 2001.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John A. "Jack" and Ruth E. Randinelli of Auburn; two grandchildren, Kari Ackerman and Kim Randinelli; and three great-grandchildren, Autumn Greenwood, Anna Greenwood and Gabriel John Ackerman.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2–4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library or the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Scholarship Fund.

Donald Teegardin

RUDY, Ark. — Donald Wayne Teegardin, 63, of Rudy, Ark., died Monday, June 9, 2008, at his home.

Mr. Teegardin was a U.S. Navy veteran and retired from Rheem Refrigeration in Arkansas.

He was born May 26, 1945, in Garrett to George and Evelyn (Dove) Teegardin.

Surviving are his companion, Joyce Moses; four daughters, Billie Jo Teasley of Cedarville, Ark., Dee Teegardin of Pleasant Lake, Georgie Ann Teegardin of Pleasant Lake and Regina J. Teegardin of Spiro, Okla.; a son, Donald Wayne Teegardin Jr. of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Patricia Ann Teegardin of Auburn and Carolyn Sue Ward of Iron Station, N.C.; five brothers, Ned Teegardin of Lason, S.C., David Lee Teegardin of Gilbert, Ariz., James Teegardin of Kendallville, Keith Leroy Teegardin of Auburn and Larry Gene Teegardin of Bloomington; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were June 16, 2008, at the U.S. National Cemetery, Fort Smith, Ark.

Memorial tributes may be left at lewisfuneralchapel.net.

Maynard Weiss

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Maynard Weiss, 81, of Three Rivers, Mich., died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was a truck driver and a mechanic at Weiss Trucking Co. in Mongo. He moved from Mongo to Three Rivers in 1973.

Mr. Weiss was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423.

On Aug. 12, 1926, in LaGrange County, he was born to Sam and Joyce (Schwarm) Weiss. He married Irene P. Nelson in LaGrange on March 5, 1955. She preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 2005.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Mary and Richard Kufeldt of Mundelein, Ill.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sylvia Rose of Mongo, and Arlene and David Webb of Sturgis, Mich.; 11 stepgrandchildren; 23 stepgreat-grandchildren; and six great-great-stepgrandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Virginia Parshall, in June 2002; a stepgrandson, Danny Ransbottom; a stepgranddaughter, Cynthia Ringler; a sister, Irma Gifford; and a brother, Sam Weiss.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. William Foster officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home prior to services.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Maurice LeBlanc Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Maurice Edward LeBlanc Sr., 83, of Kendallville died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and received a Purple Heart.

Mr. LeBlanc was fire chief and arson investigator for the city of Perris, Calif., for about eight years, and was a self-employed auto mechanic. He owned his own business for 25 years in Venice, Calif., called Frenchy's Automotive.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Santa Monica, Calif., twice Past Master and a 32nd degree Mason.

In his younger years he raced jalopy cars on dirt tracks, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, scuba diving and cookouts with family. Mr. LeBlanc traveled all over the country with his wife in their RV. They traveled together full-time for about seven years.

He also enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, and touring the West Coast and Mexico while living in California. He enjoyed listening to blues and classic rock music, and loved dancing with his wife to Big Band music.

On July 22, 1924, in Albany, N.Y., he was born to Maurice and Ethel (Bowen) LeBlanc.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Maurice and Brenda LeBlanc II of Thorn Hill, Tenn.; four daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Lambert of Stillwater, Minn., Sharren and Thomas Haggard of Howe, Maurine Faye Wilson of Ojai, Calif., and Marsha Rich of Angola; four grandsons, David R. Young of Hollywood, Calif., Frank and Bambi Pasztor of Kendallville, Jonathan Kiester of Rolla, Mo., Joseph and Mesha Pasztor of Avilla, and Steven and Angela LeBlanc of Atlanta, Ga.; a granddaughter, Leanne Pasztor of Fort Wayne; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Ann LeBlanc, in May 2007, and great-granddaughter Madison Pasztor on Nov. 28, 2005.

Memorial services will take place at a later date.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Marcella Schaefer

CHURUBUSCO — Marcella M. Schaefer, 80, of rural Washington Township in Allen County, died at 4:55 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for the past two years, and a patient at the hospice home for the past week.

Mrs. Schaefer

A homemaker all of her adult life, she was a member of Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne. She enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens, canning, cooking and baking, and her children and grandchildren.

She spent her formative years in Lake Township and graduated from Arcola High School. After her marriage, she lived in Fort Wayne, and moved to Washington Township in 1972.

On Nov. 2, 1927, in Lake Township, she was born to August and Mildred (Weisenburger) Felger. She married Elmer H. Schaefer in Lake Township on Sept. 17, 1949. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis L. and Linda Schaefer of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Michael Reinking and Diana and David Greener, all of Fort Wayne, and Dalene and Mark Thompson of Sun Prairie, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Delmar E. "Bud" and Marilyn Felger of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, Zachary and Brooke Schaefer, Brad, Julie and Jonathan Reinking, Danielle Bostwick and her spouse Bran, Matthew and Melissa Greener, and Casey and Jacob Thompson; and a great-grandson Andrew Bostwick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, with Pastors Jerry Nichols and Norman Aman officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church air conditioning fund, the church school tuition assistance fund or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.sheetsand-childs.net.

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Harley McBride

HAMILTON — Harley Ray McBride, 82, of Hamilton died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for over 36 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran, and member of the American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, and the Garrett V.F.W. He was a former member of the F.O.E. in Garrett, Loyal Order of the Moose in Auburn, and the Elks in Garrett.

Mr. McBride attended Hamilton United Methodist Church, and enjoyed fishing, playing pool and playing cards.

In Garrett, he was born to Charles and Pearl (Heffelfinger) McBride on April 22, 1926. He married Jacqueline Howard in Waterloo on Aug. 17, 1947. She preceded him in death on Sept. 5, 1985. He then married Janice (Harger) Snyder in Auburn on Oct. 9, 1998. She survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and Richard Bruner of Angola, Rita and Curt Mason of Coldwater, Mich., and Roxane "Rocky" and Dave Richie of Waterloo; a son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Darlene McBride of Fountain, Colo.; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Amy and Bill Truesdell of Garrett; three stepsons and their spouses, Garry and Judy Snyder of Quincy, Mich., and Randy anc Stacy Snyder, and Rodney anc Cindy Snyder, all of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Wallace Dean and Dora McBride of Butler; 16 grandchildren, Logan and Brook Richie, Eric Bruner, Chad, Brad and Kyle Mason, Devon and Dylan McBride, Brock Dutton, Kelle (Dutton) McNeil, Cassie Snyder, Morgan Snyder, Mackenzie Snyder, Hailee Snyder, Joshua Snyder and Renee Snyder; three great-grandchildren, Nathan and Natalie Bruner, and Brycen McNeil; and a cousin.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his first wife, were five brothers, three sisters and a great-grandson, Connar M. Dutton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with burial in Waterloo Cemetery. American Legion Post 97 of Auburn will conduct military graveside services.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department or the donor's choice.

Andrea Pobuk

KENDALLVILLE — Andrea Kathryn Pobuk, 60, died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Pobuk

She was an office manager and senior tax preparer for H&R Block for 25 years, retiring in 2004. She enjoyed golfing, bowling, crafting, sewing and interior decorating.

Mrs. Pobuk was born in Englewood, N.J.

Surviving are her husband of 35 years, John "Jack" Pobuk of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott and Barb Pobuk of Fishers and Ted Pobuk of Kendallville; two stepsons and their spouses, John and Rosalie Pobuk of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and Tim and Donna Pobuk of East Templeton, Mass.; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Elizabeth and Peter Liscomb of Durham, Maine; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Mary Ann Putlock of Jupiter, Fla., Ken and Mary Putlock of San Diego, Calif., and Richard and Mary Lou Putlock of Irma, S.C.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Brenda and Bob Hardegen of Medford Lake, N.J., Celeste Smith of Corning, N.Y., and Denise and Tim Ryan of Tom River, N.J.; and 10 grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Resurrection will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with Father Mark Gurtner officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with vigil at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday. Calling also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Vernon Furcho

ANGOLA — Vernon E. Furcho died Friday, June 27, 2008, in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

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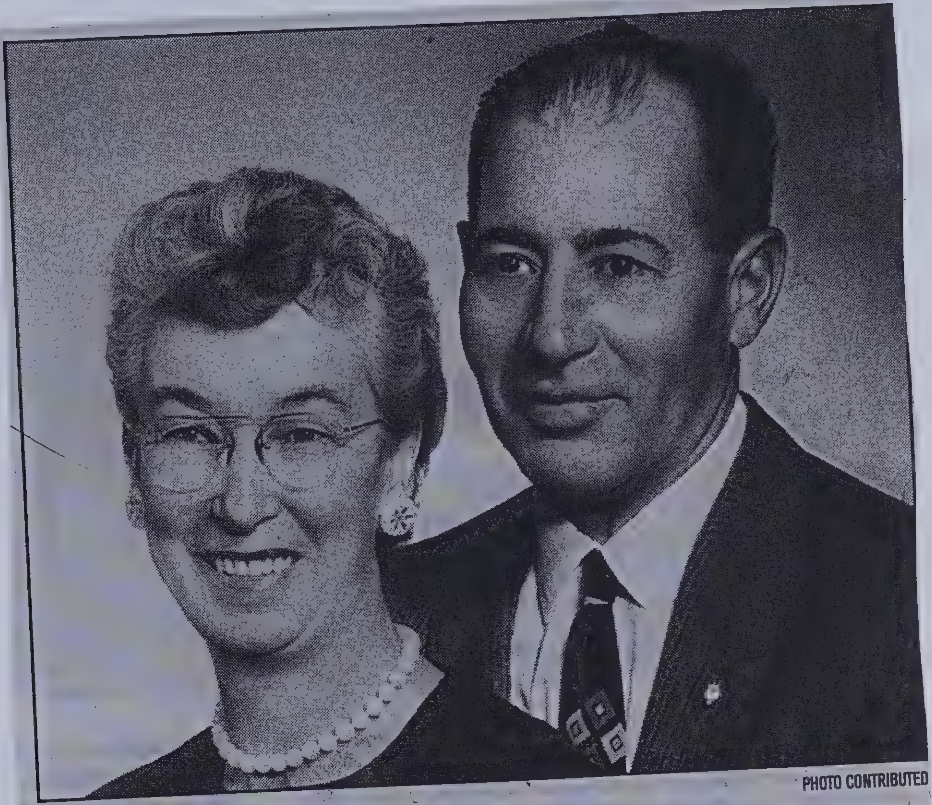
Wife, mother Souder created sweet, sugar-cookie memories



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Mildred and Ralph Souder had this photo taken in 1953. Even though she worked hard on the farm, Mildred was always immaculately attired and never without her trademark earrings and lipstick.

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GARRETT — Sarah "Mildred" Souder was a woman with a pioneer spirit — a true Christian who lived by example.

For more than 100 years Mildred chose to live in DeKalb County — and spent 60 of those years married to the same man. A hard-working, independent farm wife who gave her three children an idyllic upbringing, she left an indelible mark when she died Saturday, May 31, 2008.

Mildred's life began in a log home north of Butler when she was born Nov. 25, 1907, to William and Micha Bryant.

As a young girl, Mildred walked to attend school in a one-room, hard-scrabble schoolhouse. When it snowed, her father took the children to school in a horse-drawn sleigh.

When she was 20, she married Ralph Souder.

Mildred and Ralph lived on a big farm north of Butler, where they raised two daughters and a son — Pat Kinsey and Bill Souder, both of Garrett, and Phyllis Jennings of Edgerton, Ohio. Mildred called her husband "Skeeter" or "Pa." Ralph called Mildred "Ma."

It was during the Depression, and times were tough. Mildred made her own clothes, as well as her young daughters' outfits, from grain sacks she washed and sewed. She tended a big garden, raised chickens, drove tractors — and always had a fresh batch of sugar cookies from the oven.

Bill Souder remembers when he was a young boy during a snow storm, a carload of teenage boys got stranded on the county road near the Souder homestead. Ralph saw them walking on the roadside and yelled at them to come to the house. Without a second thought, Mildred and Ralph offered the boys food, beds and shelter for the night.

Mildred had her share of heartbreak, as well. She lost a son, Lavon, as well as four grandchildren.

Neighbors and friends came over on Sunday afternoons for rounds of baseball in a field Ralph set up in the barnyard. Mildred liked having kids around, and hosted many parties for church youth groups.

"She was a farm wife, but dad insisted she be wearing earrings and lipstick when he came out of the field," Pat Kinsey said. "She always did, because it was important to him."

On their 25th anniversary, neighbors gave them a "belling" to celebrate the occasion. Well-wishers rattled disks from farm machinery, rang bells and used shotguns to make noise. The couple were wheeled down the streets of Edgerton, Ohio, in a wheelbarrow to make the day even more memorable.

Mildred and Ralph enjoyed fishing at Hamilton and Silver lakes, where they kept a trailer. Later in life, they traveled to Florida and Arizona with best friends Ernie and Florence Janke.

Mildred was the oldest member of Zion United Methodist Church and one of eight remaining members of the Wittenberg Guild, a group known for its willingness to help neighbors in need. During World War II, the group sent care packages for soldiers.

For decades, Ralph was seen in the pews only on Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas. Mildred never nagged, she just continued to attend every Sunday with her children in tow.

Mildred often invited the pastor and his wife over for dinner. One night, after dinner, Ralph and the pastor took a walk outside in the garden.

Ralph asked how he could bring God into his life and enjoy the kind of faith his wife had. The pastor said, "Just ask."

The next Sunday Ralph got dressed for church, which surprised his family, since it wasn't any of the three "holidays" when Ralph normally chose to attend.

The pastor announced an "altar call." When Ralph got up and walked to the front of the church and knelt down, the entire congregation took notice. One by one, every single member of the church went forward to kneel with him, including his family. He died eight years later in 1987.

Following Ralph's death, a family member purchased the farm, and a trailer was set up on the property so Mildred could remain nearby.

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It was during this time Mildred displayed the beginning signs of Alzheimer's disease. She then alternated her stays with her three children, but the change of surroundings proved even more confusing as the Alzheimer's progressed.

Mildred resided for 11 years before her death in Miller's Merry Manor of Garrett, where, Kinsey said, "a strong faith in God carried her through."

At her 100th birthday in November, samples of Mildred's trademark sugar cookies from a batch made some 15 years ago were on display. Many of Mildred's 19 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren attended the event.

Kinsey tells how the disease ravaged her mother's body and mind so that, in the last weeks of her life, she could no longer get nourishment because she had forgotten how to swallow. Mildred had not been able to speak for some time before that.

One night, Kinsey was sitting by the bed as she often did, putting a water-soaked sponge on a stick in her mother's mouth "so she could get some water without choking," she said. Mildred did something just hours before her death that astounded her daughter.

"She suddenly reached out into the air with both hands as if to grab something," Kinsey said. "Her lips and tongue were moving as though she were trying to say something. I remarked how strange that was — she had never done that before."

But Mildred's nurse and a hospice nurse were not at all surprised.

"Both nurses told me they had been with people in the last days or hours before their death, and it was common for them to speak the names of deceased relatives or friends and reach out like mom did," Kinsey said.

That thought comforts Kinsey and her family.

"I do believe she was reaching out to someone she knew," Pat Kinsey said. "I like to think she was reaching out and saying, 'OK Pa, here I am.'"

This obituary is being reprinted to clarify memorial information.

Mary Jane Randinelli

AUBURN — Mary Jane Randinelli, 95, of Auburn died Friday, June 27, 2008, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Randinelli was a clerk for the Walgreens Drug Store in Warren, Pa., for 20 years, retiring in 1970. She moved from Warren to Auburn in 1980.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, a volunteer for DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 20 years, a former member of Greenhurst Country Club and a life member of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.

She was born April 17, 1913, in Auburn to Amos and Harriett (Leasure) Adams.

She married John Randinelli on Sept. 10, 1933. He died March 6, 2001.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John A. "Jack" and Ruth E. Randinelli of Auburn; two grandchildren, Kari Ackerman and Kim Randinelli; and three great-grandchildren, Autumn Greenwood, Anna Greenwood and Gabriel John Ackerman.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2–4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library Foundation or the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Scholarship Fund.

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June 29, 2008, Sunday

Peggy Lepper

WOLCOTTVILLE — Peggy Lynn (Lucas) Lepper, 47, of Wolcottville died Thursday, June 26, 2008, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lepper was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Sorority and the Moose Lodge of LaGrange.

She was born July 24, 1960, in Westfield, N.Y., to Donald Gene and Norma Jane (Shearman) Lucas.

She is survived by three daughters, Amanda May Lucas-Clark, Holly Marie Lucas and Brittany Merann Thorn, all of Wolcottville; a son, Keith Aaron Lepper of Defiance, Ohio; three grandchildren; five sisters, Sharon Seekings of Cassadaga, N.Y., Carol Weatherell of Olean, N.Y., Judy Pugh of Harlan, Norma Lucas Fryback of Fort Wayne, and Darlene Lucas of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Lucas.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Harlan.

Calling is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home

Memorials are to the family

Vernon Fercho

ANGOLA — Vernon E. Fercho, 82, died Friday, June 27, 2008, in Angola.

Mr. Fercho was a retired Teamster truck driver.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and the Steuben Mode Aircraft Club.

He was born April 15, 1926, in Lehr, N.D., to Otto and Sophie (Weis) Fercho. He was married to Grace Willms. She died Jan. 19, 2004.

He is survived by a daughter, Denise Scott, of Paradise, Calif.; two grandchildren, Timothy Scott of Paradise, and Kassidy Scott of Oroville, Calif.; two great-grandchildren, Kaylee Scott and Fiona Scott of Paradise; a sister, Viola Solatti of Elks Grove, Calif.; and special friend Ima June Seltenright of Angola.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Marvin and Gordon Fercho; and a sister, Agnes Fercho.

Services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating.

Calling will be an hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
June 30, 2008, Monday

Patricia Potter

AVILLA — Patricia Marie Potter, 68, of Avilla died Sunday, June 29, 2008, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had resided the past five years.

Mrs. Potter had previously lived in Davenport, Iowa, where she had been a surgical technician at St. Luke Hospital in Davenport for about 20 years.

She enjoyed working with her hands and making crafts.

She was born in Davenport on May 27, 1940, to Anthony and Angela (Schebler) Ruefer.

Survivors include Tish Potter of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Michael Phelps of Bettendorf, Iowa, Thomas Ford of Newton, Iowa, Ashley Ford of Fort Wayne and Drake Eberline of Parkview, Iowa; three brothers, Don, Jerry and Vince Reufer; and four sisters, Margaret, Fran, Kate and Phyllis.

She was preceded in death by a 2-year-old son, David Potter in 1961.

There will be no services or calling.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Dennis McMinn

AUBURN — Dennis C. McMinn, 54, of Auburn died Friday, June 27, 2008, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Born Jan. 10, 1954, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he worked as a printing press mechanic at Courier Printing for four years. He had been a member of the U.S. Army Rangers.

Surviving are his mother, Ethel McMinn of Murphy, N.C.; two sons, Dyan McMinn of Auburn and Ian McMinn of Hogansville, Ga.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cecelia Driscoll of New York and Elizabeth and Matthew Dunn of LaGrange, Ga.; three sisters, Kathleen Duncan of Pennsylvania, Eileen McMinn of Nebraska and Patricia McMinn-Higgins of Murphy, N.C.; a granddaughter, Serenity Dunn of LaGrange, Ga.; and a cousin.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy McMinn.

There will be no services or calling. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Peggy Lepper

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She was born July 24, 1960, in Westfield, N.Y., to Donald Gene and Norma Jane (Shearman) Lucas.

She is survived by three daughters, Amanda May Lucas-Clark, Holly Marie Lucas and Brittany Merann Thorn, all of Wolcottville; a son, Keith Aaron Lepper of Defiance, Ohio; three grandchildren; five sisters, Sharon Seekings of Cassadaga, N.Y., Carol Weatherell of Olean, N.Y., Judy Pugh of Harlan, Norma Lucas Fryback of Fort Wayne, and Darlene Lucas of New Haven.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Lucas.

Services will be at noon Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery in Harlan.

Calling is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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